

Problems of internal security, of economic organization and development, of meeting social, industrial, financial and other needs, will continue constantly to arise. These may be dealt with by the Department of National War Services, by itself or in conjunction with other departments of the government as authority for such purposes may, from time to time, be given the minister by the Governor in Council.

In a word, it is intended and expected that the department, by its general supervision of war activities, and needs, its co-ordination of state and voluntary effort, and the inauguration and carrying out of special war services, as need for the same arises, will become a most effective instrument in a nation-wide furtherance of the war effort of our country."

### 3. REVIEW OF CANADIAN MILITARY EFFORT: EXTRACT FROM SPEECH OF THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OF JULY 29th

#### PROGRESS OF RECRUITING

The Canadian Active Service Force has its foundation in the Non-Permanent Active Militia. When the war came, instead of organizing new units, the First and Second Divisions and ancillary troops were raised by mobilizing Militia units and authorizing them to recruit to full war strength. These two Divisions with the ancillary troops are at full strength, and a large proportion of them are overseas.

On May 24 Mr. Rogers stated in the House that immediate steps were being taken to proceed with the organization of the Third Division.

By July 21, the date of the last complete strength returns, the Third Division was practically at full strength. Here and there men specially skilled in one of the trades are needed to complete the complement, and there are one or two units which need a few more men.

At the same time in May, it was announced that the Infantry Battalions of a Fourth Division were to be mobilized and this authorization was later extended to include all the units of the Fourth Division, i.e., Artillery, Engineers, Ordnance, Signallers, etc.

I am pleased to say that the Fourth Division recruiting has been equally satisfactory and that on July 21 it was well on the way to being full strength. Many units have in fact reached their full complement, while others are short by only a few men and in almost all cases the men required are in the category of specialists of one kind or another.