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II. THE SUPPLY TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF FOOD AND  
FOODSTUFFS IN TIME OF WAR. (Paper No. E.(37) 13).

THE COMMITTEE then considered Paper No. E.(37) 13, dealing with the export of foodstuffs in time of war, from the Dominions and India.

THE CHAIRMAN said that the position in regard to food supplies was analogous to that for raw materials. The United Kingdom was largely dependent for foodstuffs on supplies from the Dominions and India. He was anxious that some general understanding, as in the case of raw materials, should be established as to the manner in which the Dominions and India would be willing to help in the event of war, and, in particular, to obtain the names of the persons and/or organisations in the Dominions and India, with whom the Food (Defence Plans) Department of the Board of Trade in England could establish contact. This Department had been especially set up in order to formulate plans in respect of food supplies for this country in time of war.

MR. MACKENZIE said that so far as Canada was concerned they had an Interdepartmental Supply Committee, one of the members of which was specially concerned with foodstuffs. This Committee would be able to bring together all the information available and would prepare a report in the light of the United Kingdom's requirements. He thought that the question of the liaison might be left for later discussion.

MR. DUNNING referred to an aspect of the problem arising out of submarine warfare. Submarines did not discriminate in the matter of cargoes and experience

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