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WHEREAS the Wartime Industries Control Board, through its constituent Controllers, is charged with the responsibility for maintenance of the supply of certain vital materials and services urgently required for and absolutely essential to the war program,

and WHEREAS various Controllers in the exercise of such responsibility have reported to the Board that labour shortages, excessive labour turnover and absenteeism have already had a serious and alarming effect on the production of steel, base metals, aeroplane spruce, lumber and timber, and certain other vital war materials and that, failing immediate remedial action, further serious production losses are inevitable.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Wartime Industries Control Board hereby

1. endorses the representations contained in the memorandum of September 21st, 1942 addressed to the Minister of Munitions and Supply on behalf of the Board by the Steel Controller, the Metals Controller and the Co-ordinator of Production,
2. advises the Minister of Munitions and Supply that the production of vital materials has, since the submission of the said memorandum become even more seriously affected both with respect to the materials referred to in the said letter and with respect to aeroplane spruce, lumber and timber,
3. records its belief that the situation, which is increasing in gravity each day by reason of the increasing shortage of manpower in essential industries, aggravated in certain instances by the seasonal nature of necessary operations, calls for more drastic measures for the disposition of manpower than have yet been put into effect in Canada,
4. most urgently requests and recommends that immediate steps be taken through the proper Department or agency of the Government to put into effect a policy with respect to labour which will include compulsory transfer of labour and freezing of labour where necessary and also centralization of military drafts and enlistments under the jurisdiction of the government agency charged with the responsibility of putting the said policy into effect.

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