

war effort, all circumstances considered."

I added:

"May I say that when I say 'all circumstances considered', I have in mind the conditions as they exist in respect to the war in different theatres, and the conditions as they may exist in Canada itself."

It is perhaps well that I should remind hon. members that these statements were made as early in the present year as February 25th. They were repeatedly referred to in the course of the campaign on the plebiscite in explanation of its objectives, and of how the government proposed to exercise its power, if given a free hand.

It cannot therefore be said that the government's policy *as it finds expression in the present bill* was not fully known both to parliament and the public, before and during the time the plebiscite was held.

As to the right thing being ^{by the government} done, at the right time, and in the right way, that, it seems to me, as I said in opening this debate, necessarily comes to be a matter of the degree of confidence which parliament and the people have in the administration charged with the responsibilities of carrying on the war. This does not constitute a reason for a second debate on the conscription issue. It is, however, the strongest of reasons why a government, once it has reached a decision that the needs of a situation demand a certain course of action on which