

The principle of control of industry under war conditions is generally accepted as reasonable and necessary, and is actually in effect under the War-time Prices and Trade Board as well as under the Department of Munitions and Supply. I may remind honourable senators that this was referred to by my honourable friend to my right (Hon. Mr. Hayden) in his eloquent speech seconding the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

It is not necessary to give the detail of what each of these Controllers has done, but in a sentence or two I may touch upon their accomplishments.

The Oil Controller has obtained the co-operation of the provincial governments concerned in oil control. The investigations made by him indicate that the requirements of the three Prairie Provinces cannot be met by the productive capacity of the present producing field in Alberta. Consequently, pro-rating of the available crude from this source will become necessary. The Oil Controller has also issued certain orders in relation to additional and un-needed service stations and gasoline pumps, and the use of oil fuel in certain kinds of boilers.

The Controller of Non-ferrous Metals has taken certain steps for the curtailment of the use of aluminum for domestic purposes, in order to release as large a proportion as possible of this essential metal for military purposes.

The Timber Controller has undertaken and successfully concluded a wide programme in furnishing the Government of Canada with its timber needs in connection with an immense building programme during the past summer. He has prevented injurious enhancement of price levels of timber, and has assisted the British Government in connection with the export of Canadian timber to supply British needs which formerly were furnished from Scandinavia.

The Steel Controller has already taken steps to increase the production in Canada of certain alloy steels needed for the munitions programme. Provision is also being made for new capacity of steel production. Prices have been maintained.

The Power Controller is keeping the Government constantly advised of prospective power demands in relation to supply. He is co-operating with the Government with a view to obtaining the most effective use of available supplies. As a result of a recommendation of the Controller, power to the extent of 189,000 horse-power is now being conserved by the continuation of daylight saving time in Ontario and Quebec.

The Machine Tools Controller has taken steps to bring about the more effective use of all available machine tools; has caused machine tools in non-essential industries to be made available in essential industries; has planned for the increased production of machine tools in Canada, and has co-ordinated the supply of all such tools needed in Canada, from whatever source available.

Well, honourable senators, that is the record of what has been done during the past few months by the Department of Munitions and Supply. I think honourable senators will realize that we in this country may well be proud of what has been accomplished by that department, and by the industries for which it is responsible, in the few months which have elapsed since May last, when the true scope of the real effort which we should be called upon to make became clear and plain to us.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Duff, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Thursday, November 14, 1940.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

EMERGENCY SITTINGS

CALLING OF SENATORS DURING ADJOURNMENT—MOTION

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I move the following motion, which will be seconded by my right honourable friend opposite (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen):

That for the duration of the present session of Parliament, should an emergency arise during any adjournment of the Senate, which would in the opinion of the Honourable the Speaker warrant that the Senate meet prior to the time set forth in the motion for such adjournment, the Honourable the Speaker be authorized to notify honourable senators at their addresses as registered with the Clerk of the Senate to meet at a time earlier than that set out in the motion for such adjournment, and non-receipt by any one or more honourable senators of such call shall not have any effect upon the sufficiency and validity thereof.

This motion, I may say, is in the same terms as the motion which was agreed to unanimously last session.

The motion was agreed to.