

I have already pointed out that new legislation is not required to set up a War Supply Board. Sufficient legislative authority already exists under the War Measures Act. Furthermore, as I have already explained, the purpose is regarded as a necessary and desirable step in organizing any system of war supply. It is essential that it should have the utmost flexibility if speedy results are to be obtained. The Order in Council setting up the Board, and all Orders in Council relating to it, will be tabled at the beginning of the next session. Parliament will, therefore, be thoroughly informed of the action which is being taken by the government. Some hon. members may be inclined to wonder why the government have felt it necessary to introduce legislation to create a department, when legislation is not necessary for a Board, which will have, roughly, similar functions. It was felt, however, that the establishment of a new department should receive specific sanction from Parliament, even if the authority to establish it is not to be used immediately. If it becomes necessary to establish the department, the government will, in the meantime, have gained valuable experience from the operations

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