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Statement on
Department of Munitions and Supply

~~When~~ *How members must recall that at the time that*
the Defence Purchasing Board was set up,
~~at the last session of Parliament, it was intended only~~
~~as a peace time measure.~~ *will* ~~This was pointed out by the~~

He said in reply to a specific
~~Minister of National Defence in the House, on March~~
~~the 16th last, (Hansard, p. 2134), in reply to a~~
~~question. The Minister said: "The answer is this,~~

that this is a measure for peace time, and I
trust that it will long be used for that pur-
pose. If an emergency arises, doubtless other
measures will be enacted immediately to deal
with the emergency." *(Hansard p. 2134)*

~~I think it can fairly be said that the main concern of the~~
~~the Government and of the House was to insure that there~~
~~should be no profiteering incidental to the obtaining~~ *proportions for defence*
~~of the defence requirements of Canada. Although it~~
~~was recognized that speed was important in building~~
~~up our defences, it was not the primary object or~~
~~concern at the time. In setting up new and comprehensive~~
~~machinery to provide for munitions and supplies generally in~~
~~the Government are not losing~~
sight of the vital necessity of preventing profiteering.
The necessity of taking other measures to control profits

war-time