

I have, I think, made it abundantly clear that, so far, at least, as the present administration is concerned, any decision respecting conscription for overseas service will not rest solely with the military authorities, but that any action taken under the present bill must and will be authorized by the Governor in Council. In other words, the decision will be the decision of the Cabinet, subject always to its responsibility to Parliament.

I have also already given to hon. members ^{an assurance} ~~a very~~ clear ^{with all relevant} ~~statement of the factors~~ ^{would be} taken into account ~~of which account would be taken~~ by the Cabinet in reaching a decision.

In speaking in this House on the purpose of the plebiscite, on February 25th, I said: (see unrevised Hansard, Feb. 25, 1942 - page 91⁰):

"What we shall do at any particular time will depend upon the course which we think at the time is necessary and advisable, and most effective in Canada's war effort. That decision is not going to be made in the light of any one factor. It is going to be made in the light of all conditions as they exist and as they are known to the government at the time."

And later:

"The government is going to do the thing that it believes is going to further to the uttermost Canada's