

9. (1) Section seventeen of the said Act reads as follows:—

“**17.** (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the foregoing provisions of this Act shall continue in force for a period of three years, beginning with the date of the passing of this Act, and shall then expire:

Provided that if, in the opinion of the Minister, any provision of this Act should continue in force for a further period from the time at which it would otherwise expire, the Governor in Council may direct that that provision shall continue in force for that further period.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subsection one of this section, if at any time while any such provision, of this Act is in force the Governor in Council declares by Order in Council that the necessity for that provision has ceased to exist, that provision shall expire at the end of the day on which the Order is made.

(3) The expiry of any provision of this Act shall not affect the validity of anything previously done thereunder, and any directions given under any such provision before the expiry thereof shall continue to have effect and may be enforced, and any money payable in respect thereof may be assessed and paid, as if that provision had not expired.”

By Order in Council P.C. 9853 passed the 30th day of October, 1942, the first paragraph of subsection one of section seventeen was repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—

“(1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the foregoing provisions of this Act shall continue in force for a period of three years beginning with the ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty, and shall then expire.”

As no one knows how long the war will last or the period during which it will be necessary for the Act to remain in force, it is considered advisable that section seventeen as amended by Order in Council P.C. 9853 be repealed and that it should be left to Parliament to repeal the Act when the necessity for it no longer exists.

(2) As regards the new proposed section to be numbered seventeen, it is considered desirable to provide that on the termination before completion of contracts of the character mentioned in such new proposed section the contractor will not be entitled to damages for loss of anticipated profits.

10. Section twenty of the said Act presently reads as follows:—

“**20.** (1) Any person guilty of an offence under this Act for which no penalty is otherwise provided by this Act shall be liable—