

(b) Order in Council P.C. 9044 was passed on the 3rd of November, 1942, authorizing the Minister "to enter into contracts for provisions for the Canadian Army and/or the Royal Canadian Navy and/or the Royal Canadian Air Force and for the making of all payments in connection therewith, without further authority from the Governor in Council, when in the opinion of the Minister it has been found that it is impossible to delay the award of contracts for provisions until the authority of the Governor in Council has been obtained because of the absolute necessity of maintaining deliveries of provisions to the armed forces without interruption, provided, however, that the said Minister shall report all contracts so entered into involving amounts exceeding five thousand dollars to the Governor in Council as soon after their execution as may be practicable."

The new proposed amendments to paragraphs (c), (d), (e) and (f) of section eight are for the purpose of embodying in the Act the provisions of the Orders in Council and of simplifying the provisions now in the Act relating to requisitions.

5. The new proposed section eleven A confers on the Minister a power which the Act does not at present give him, and which it is considered desirable he should possess.

6. Section twelve as presently enacted reads as follows:—

"12. (1) Where the Minister is satisfied that any person—

(a) who carries on the business of storing goods; or

(b) who produces any munitions of war or supplies;

having been requested to enter into a contract by the Minister or any government department for the storage of any munitions of war or supplies so required on terms which appear to the Minister to be fair and reasonable, has refused or failed to enter into the contract, the Minister may give that person directions to store such munitions of war or supplies for such period and at such place as may be specified in the directions.