former Minister of National Defence and the government - whether, to support the army overseas, the possibilities of the voluntary system had been exhausted, and the necessity for conscription had been demonstrated.

The Minister, in his letter of resignation, indicated that he had been unable to convince his colleagues.

to convince the government that resort to conscription had become absolutely necessary the obstacles to the success of the final
appeal and the necessity of securing effective
results from the appeal in such a short space
of time - with more time and more co-operation
the appeal might have succeeded and compulsion
been avoided.

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