

War Measures Act, 1914 in operation:

government decided to use its
provisions (Aug. 23rd);
enabled government to defer session
until all hope gone.

Direct defences put in readiness -

Government have worked out details of policy
for submission to Parliament if need
arose;
took last minute steps to avert war,
(Prime Minister's messages);

11. Outbreak of hostilities in Poland (Sept. 1)

decided government to call Parliament at once;
(Prime Minister's announcement of Aug. 23rd,
equivalent to an extra week's notice to
M.P.'s);

to announce that the government unanimously
in favour of co-operation at side of
Britain in event of Great Britain en-
gaging in war;
Parliament to approve.

Consultations with United Kingdom in
meantime, to continue;