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~~introduced~~ The legislation which the Government ~~propose~~ ~~to introduce~~ provides for the creation of a Department of Munitions and Supply, ~~It is not, however,~~ the intention of the Government to set up a full-fledged department immediately. We are anxious to avoid unnecessary duplication of departments, and to have the preliminary benefit ~~of the experience~~ <sup>and advice</sup> of a fully authorized and competent board, working to achieve the best methods of handling the complex and far-reaching problems involved in respect of war supplies.

We <sup>believe</sup> recognize that the reasons <sup>having made</sup> for making the Defence Purchasing Board responsible to the Minister of Finance are, <sup>applied even more</sup> if anything, even stronger ~~in the case of an agency with such far-reaching authority over the economic life of the country, as is contemplated in setting up a War Supply Board.~~ <sup>It is during the period in which an organization is being built up</sup> ~~that the problem of~~ finance is a vital element in the general problem of supply and ~~that~~ the Minister of Finance must necessarily be in close contact with whatever organization is entrusted with the responsibility of securing ~~the~~ munitions and supplies ~~which will be required.~~