

announcement of the decision of the British government. "In all this line of thought", he said, "we found ourselves in very close harmony with the Government of Canada".

The formation of the Joint Board.

On August 22nd, the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence was appointed. Col. O. M. Biggar, K.C., became Chairman of the Canadian Section and Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York, Chairman of the United States section. The first meeting of the Board was held at Ottawa in the following week. The Board has met since on several occasions, and has been engaged upon continuous study of the sea, land and air problems immediately related to the defence of the north half of this hemisphere.

The transfer of bases and destroyers.

The next significant announcement came on September 3rd, the anniversary of the British declaration of war. On that day President Roosevelt announced that an agreement had been reached between the governments of the United Kingdom and the United States by which sites for bases in British Atlantic possessions were to be made available to the United States. In Newfoundland and Bermuda these sites were leased for no other consideration but Great Britain's