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The armed forces have grown steadily in numbers, in strength and in trained efficiency. The production of the machines and munitions of war and of foodstuffs has risen to new heights. In addition to our own forces, Canada has made a vast direct material contribution of munitions and foodstuffs to Britain and other of the United Nations.

Provision has been made for war risk insurance and for compensation for war damage. Measures have been enacted to provide for the re-instatement in civil employment of members of the armed forces and to assist war veterans to settle upon the land.

The control of the cost of living has been rigorously maintained and strengthened. ^{and} ^{more} equitable distribution of the necessities of life has been ensured, ^{required} where necessary, by the rationing of ^{production and} supplies to consumers. Measures have been taken to curtail the ^{production and} consumption of alcoholic beverages.

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The conclusion of agreements with the provinces has facilitated the orderly and equitable mobilization of the financial resources of the country, to the utmost limit of its capacity.