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Department of National Defence
Since October, 1935

On forming his Government in October 1935 the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King selected the Honourable Ian A. Mackenzie as Minister of National Defence.

Under the forceful direction of the new Minister, with the full support of the Government in matters of policy and with substantially increased appropriations, the Department has made notable progress in providing a system of defence for the Dominion of Canada.

The new minister did three things:

1. He revolutionized and modernized government defence policy.
2. He infused new life and energy into what (through no fault of its own) had become almost a moribund department.

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