

The primary task and responsibility of the people of Canada is the defence and security of Canada. This involves, in the first instance, military measures of defence. I have already outlined the steps which have been taken to safeguard the situation by calling out the Active Militia and the Naval and Air Forces. Further measures will be taken in the directions where the need proves most imperative.

Second, we must provide for internal security, and guard against sabotage, disturbance of vital military and economic establishments, and against hostile propaganda.

Third, is a wide measure of economic defence measures. The outbreak of war involves a tremendous upheaval both in international and in internal trade. It involves the re-direction of many energies - the intensification of some forms of effort, the reduction of those less vitally necessary. It involves vigilant action to furnish the necessary financial support for the military measures to be taken, and to maintain the credit and the financial relations of Canada. Profiteering must and will be rigidly controlled. Close co-operation with the provinces and with representatives of industry and agriculture, of labour and of commerce will be established. Some of the immediate measures necessary to this end have already

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(Minister of National Defence (unrevised Hansard 1937, p.970).

"National security, national defence, the direct defence of Canada, of our coastal areas, our ports, our shipping terminals, our territorial waters, the focal areas of our trade routes adjacent to our harbour mouths" were the primary responsibility of his department.