

Minister of Finance with comprehensive powers similar in character with those being asked for in this Bill.

At the same time, as a result of the legislation being asked for in this Bill, the Government will have in reserve the authority to create at any moment a separate Department of Munitions and Supply. The new Department, if it becomes necessary, will have the advantage of the experience and organization which the activities of the War Supply Board will have made available.

At the last session of Parliament we established a Defence Purchasing Board. That was in a time of peace, this is a time of war.

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