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WAR MATERIALS CONTROL BOARD NOW DISSOLVED

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—(CP)—Dissolution of the Wartime Industries Control Board, the war-time body mainly responsible for the distribution of war materials, was announced to-day by Munitions Minister Howe.

The minister's announcement followed closely the resignation last week of J. G. Godsoe, chairman of the board and co-ordinator of controls. The board at its peak had 20 members—munitions department controllers and senior officials of other departments—but it had been reduced to seven as the work tapered.

"The board was the central agency of the Department of munitions and supply, which directed the supply and distribution of raw materials and services, particularly important to the war effort, and it is a real tribute to the effectiveness of its work that the board can be dissolved so soon after the cessation of hostilities," said Mr. Howe.

Policy of Board

It had been the policy of the board and its members to institute controls only when the supply situation made such action necessary to the war effort and to remove them as soon as conditions permitted, said Mr. Howe.

In keeping with this policy the supplies and machine tools controls had long since disappeared and since the end of the war individual controls had been eliminated with all possible speed. Controls abolished included aircraft, chemicals, metals, oil, ship repairs and salvage, steel and transit. Controls remaining are rubber, coal, construction timber, motor vehicle, power and priorities.

"The restrictions imposed on these remaining controls have been steadily relaxed to date, and those remaining will be removed just as rapidly as may be accomplished without disruption of the economy," said the department.

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