

milling will be stimulated and strict control maintained over supplies in order to ensure that priority is given to the most urgent requirements. More houses will come before bigger houses.

#### **Education**

In the field of education there will be a vigorous school-building programme to overtake the wartime arrears of school buildings. With more buildings and more teachers a further extension of the school-leaving age will be possible and greatly extended services for the health and education of our children will be developed. Improvement is also to be made in University education facilities and the necessary finance will be made available in the Supplementary Estimates.

#### **Coal**

Coal production, which is the basis of so many of our industries, has given much concern during recent years particularly since the supplies previously available from Australia have been discontinued. Open-cast mining has been of material assistance, but from time to time the Government have found it necessary to purchase coal-mines, often as a result of impending closing down, but in any case to increase production. The Government's policy in this connection is to acquire by purchase the whole of the privately-owned coal-mines in the Dominion and to run them entirely on a national basis. The importance of adequate coal-supplies cannot be over-emphasized and the Government are convinced that nationalization is the only satisfactory solution of this problem.

#### **Primary Industries**

New Zealand ranks high among food-producing countries and we have great opportunity and a moral obligation to increase our production to the maximum.

The Government's efforts will be directed towards encouraging increases in the production of meat and dairy produce, and agricultural crops, as well as in special produce to serve our domestic markets. The Government visualizes extensive land development, irrigation, and swamp-land reclamation and the bringing about of considerable improvements in rural living and working conditions.

#### **Secondary Industries**

It is the Government's policy to encourage the establishment and development of worthwhile secondary industries. Partly due to the war we have successfully established many new industries employing many thousands of workers and the production of consumer goods on an economic basis.

As I have said earlier, import selection will still be necessary to ensure the most economic use of the Dominion's overseas funds. Although the maximum quantity of goods will be imported within the