
DO ORDERS LAPSE AT END OF WAR?

Department of Justice is Now Considering War Measures Act's Effect

(Staff Correspondence of The Globe.)

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—The possibility of the war coming to an end in the near future is beginning to cause some apprehension as to the constitutionality of various orders in Council and regulations issued under the War Measures Act. If the contention of some is justified, it will be necessary to seek additional legislation at the next session of Parliament.

During the war there is no question but that the Government has had the right to take the various measures already being enforced, but it is claimed that the right will cease with the end of the war. In the case of the order in Council forbidding the manufacture, importation and transportation of intoxicating liquors during the war and twelve months afterwards there is the most controversy.

The claim is made that the enabling act, the War Measures Act, will cease with the end of the war, and that therefore the order in Council will cease to be effective.

The Department of Justice is giving the matter serious consideration now.