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MINISTRY OF FUEL LIGHT & POWER

It has been decided to set up a Ministry of Fuel Light and Power. The Ministry will take over the functions at present performed by the Mines Department and the Petroleum Department, and there will be transferred to it the responsibilities in respect of Electricity and Gas at present assigned to the Board of Trade.

This change will bring under the direct control of a single Minister of Cabinet rank the functions of the Government in relation to the production and consumption of fuel and power, which are at present divided.

The Minister will exercise the powers of the Government in respect of the production of coal and its consumption whether directly or in the form of electricity and gas set out in the White Paper presented to Parliament yesterday.

The creation of the new Ministry will afford a measure of relief to the President of the Board of Trade, whose responsibilities have been greatly increased by the various industrial adjustments required to meet the needs of war production.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the following appointments to the new Ministry to take effect when the necessary arrangements are completed:

Minister of Fuel, Light and Power:	Major the Rt. Hon. Gwilym Lloyd George, M.P.
Joint Parliamentary Secretaries:	Mr. Geoffrey William Lloyd, M.P.
	Mr. Tom Smith, M.P.

Mr. Lloyd will continue to conduct the Petroleum Branch of the new Ministry and remains Chairman of the Oil Control Board.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr. William Mabane, M.P. to be Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food in succession to Major Gwilym Lloyd George, M.P.

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