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AS a nation of primary produce exporters and importers of just about everything, Australia's vulnerability to shortages showed up again in January 1940 when the Army, needing 2,000 hurricane lamps could find only 1,400. G.A.&L. Harrington of Camperdown, Sydney, stepped into the breach and quickly manufactured the remaining 600 at 3s 6d (GWI* \$11.39) each. They were subsequently awarded a contract for a further 5,000 for 3s 2d (\$10.42) each, delivered to ordnance store, or 3s 6d delivered to other States. "It is gratifying to know that local industry is capable of producing at short notice material for war purposes not previously manufactured here," observed the Acting Minister for Supply, Sir Frederick Stewart.