

### RECRUITING.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. G. W. KYTE: Has any Order in Council been passed affecting the change in enlistment referred to yesterday by the ex-Minister of Militia (Sir Sam Hughes) in these words:

In my absence in England, the debilitating plan of draft was resorted to, but I cancelled it on my return.

If there is any such Order in Council, it should be laid on the table of the House.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: All Orders in Council with regard to recruiting were laid upon the Table a long time ago. If the hon. member will refer to what has been laid on the Table, he will see an Order in Council that was passed about the 12th day of January, 1916, increasing the authorized forces of Canada to 500,000 men. At a subsequent date in March, April, or possibly May—I do not recollect the precise date—another Order in Council was passed providing that new regiments should not be organized under the Order in Council of the 12th January without the authority of the Governor in Council, the reason being that it had been represented to the Government that too many regiments had been authorized in one place at one time.

Mr. MARCIL: Will the Prime Minister explain whether recruiting has been discontinued officially, or whether it is still proceeding? I refer to Quebec particularly.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Recruiting has not been discontinued.

### LABOUR STRIKE IN WESTERN COAL MINES.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. OLIVER: Has the Minister of Labour any further report to make in regard to the coal strike in the West? There is a report that the negotiations have broken down.

Mr. CROTHERS: The negotiations have not proved successful. The rumour to which my hon. friend refers is well founded. We are taking steps immediately to see to it that the mines shall be opened under Government guidance.

### RECRUITING OF BRITISH SUBJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. CHARLES MURPHY: In the Canadian press of yesterday, there appeared this despatch:

[Mr. Crothers.]

New York, June 19.—Recruiting headquarters for French-Canadians in New England and New York will be opened here by Major L. J. Daly, Gingras of the Canadian 258th Battalion, who arrived yesterday from Quebec. There are 500,000 French-Canadian males in the district he said.

Is there such a mission to the United States, and if so, is it being conducted under any arrangement with the United States Government?

Hon. Sir EDWARD KEMP (Minister of Militia): By an Act of the United States Congress passed a few days ago, permission was granted to the British Government and the Canadian Government to recruit British subjects in the United States in connection with the organizations which the United States' Government purpose establishing in regard to recruiting United States citizens for the war. Our military officers have therefore arranged with the United States military officers to carry on recruiting through such agencies, and that work is being carried on not only as regards people of French-Canadian nationality in the New England states, but in other parts of the United States among all British subjects. After such recruits have been passed as being medically fit for service, if they desire to go to Great Britain, they are sent there direct, and if they desire to enlist in the Canadian army, they are sent direct to Canada.

### UNITED STATES SOLDIERS.

#### SUGGESTED TRAINING IN CANADIAN CAMPS.

On the Orders of the Day.

Hon. CHARLES MARCIL: Is there any truth in the rumour that the United States Government is going to train a large number of troops at Valcartier during the summer?

Sir EDWARD KEMP: The United States Government has not yet made application to the Government of Canada for permission to occupy any of our Canadian camps, but if they do, the matter will be considered.

### INQUIRY FOR RETURN.

On the Orders of the Day.

Mr. J. J. HUGHES: On the 25th of April last, an Order of the House was passed for a copy of the correspondence in the Post Office Department with respect to the vacant postmastership at Charlottetown. That Order has not yet been obeyed. The correspondence cannot be voluminous, and