

should be maintained. I think our people have the true spirit and will carry on with courage to maintain our production and, if possible, develop it.

(Translation)

Hon. Mr. SAUVÉ: I should like to explain the request I made a moment ago. I have a great deal of respect for the right honourable leader on this side of the House, as I have for the honourable leader of the Government, but I am convinced that the right honourable gentleman on this side would never wish to set himself up as a dictator in this Chamber.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Nor have I ever suggested that.

Hon. Mr. SAUVÉ: I had no other desire at the time than to obtain reliable information, in order that it might not be said that this House had passed very important measures with undue haste at such a critical time. Yesterday a certain section of our press was blaming the Senate for adopting measures without sufficient knowledge of this or that piece of rather ambiguous legislation.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It is also rather weighty.

Hon. Mr. SAUVÉ: Weighty with responsibilities and difficult to explain.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No.

Hon. Mr. SAUVÉ: Notwithstanding the honourable leader's undoubted intelligence, I have noted that he sometimes found it very difficult to give us a clear explanation of certain measures.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I am not a specialist in every field.

Hon. Mr. SAUVÉ: The honourable leader of the Government is clever enough to give always a satisfactory reply; still, there have been occasions during this session when his explanations were insufficient and ambiguous. I am not blaming him, for he was apparently unable to obtain the desired information from his colleagues in the other Chamber. I would ask him one question: Is this money which we are requested to vote destined to meet the expenses of an overseas war?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: There is very little relation between the legislative measures which I introduced this afternoon and evening, and my honourable friend's question, which might have been more opportune at the time the House was asked to appropriate \$100,000,000 to cover the cost of military operations. The sole object of this measure is to raise sufficient funds to meet the Treasury's needs

and, naturally, to defray to a certain extent the expenditures approved under the Bill which was introduced yesterday, I believe. However, it is impossible for me at this time to specify the expenditures which those moneys may serve to meet, since those sums are part of the general budget.

Hon. Mr. SAUVÉ: I am not asking for any details. What I am asking the honourable leader is this: Is it possible that the funds which we are voting in detail may serve to cover the expense of an overseas war?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think I can set at rest the anxiety which prompts my honourable friend to ask me that question. I believe that, as regards the general budget, including the \$100,000,000 which we have voted, should the Government arrive at the conclusion that the sending of an expeditionary force to Europe is necessary, the Treasury funds as well as the moneys we shall vote might be used, in a certain measure, to this end. That is as far as I can go. Naturally, whenever the Government decide to consider the necessity or advisability of sending an expeditionary force overseas, they will have to adopt the ways and means required, and there will be available for this purpose, in the Treasury, the sums which we are called upon to vote, as well as those we have already voted. It is rather difficult, however, to reply to my honourable friend's question, because we are raising money for military purposes.

Hon. Mr. SAUVÉ: I should like to know the purpose for which these moneys are being raised.

Hon. Mr. PARENT: Because of the present situation.

Hon. Mr. SAUVÉ: My sole object in speaking thus and in asking these questions is to obtain sufficient enlightenment. I am not endowed with an intelligence comparable to that of my honourable friend, and I feel the need of enlightenment. I have observed, since the opening of this session, that the business of both Houses has been unduly expedited. I came here convinced that Parliament had been summoned to decide whether or not Canada should participate in the war. After listening to the speech from the Throne and to the explanations given to the House of Commons by the right honourable the Prime Minister I became convinced that all the funds we were requested to vote—including the \$100,000,000—were earmarked for national defence in this country, and that Canada would never be made to take part in an external war as long as there remained in the Cabinet French Canadian ministers like those we have at present. We were told, "It is simply a