

able, the Acting Prime Minister (Sir George Foster) is one upon which doubtless many hon. members would like to express an opinion. Do I understand that the hon. gentleman having availed himself of the privilege of presenting to the House a statement on the Orders of the Day, it is not permissible to discuss that statement in any particular at this time, but that another opportunity will be afforded?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: There will be another opportunity certainly.

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT: In reference to the statement made by the Acting Prime Minister regarding the returned soldiers, are we to understand that the question of a cash bonus has been taken entirely out of the hands of the committee?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: My hon. friend has heard the statement I made and it is a statement made on behalf of the Government. It is the position that the Government takes. I do not understand that the Pensions Committee as constituted has ever had the question of a cash bonus or gratuity directly referred to it.

WAR INDEMNITY—CANADA'S SHARE.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. P. R. DuTREMBLAY (Laurier-Outremont): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct the attention of the Government to a question of considerable importance at the present time. I read in the Montreal press of yesterday the statement that Sir William Wiseman is on his way from Great Britain to Ottawa to settle the war indemnity question. In the early days of last session I brought to the attention of the Government the question of the indemnity that Canada would receive from Germany and the allies of that country and the right hon. the Acting Prime Minister (Sir George Foster) then replied that this country was well represented at the Peace Conference, that the demand would be pressed and that Canada would have justice. May I again ask the Acting Prime Minister if there is still hope or expectation that this country will receive an indemnity from Germany or possibly from England as some compensation for her sacrifices in case Germany fails to pay, and if this trip of Sir William Wiseman has anything to do with the share of the payment that Germany is making to this country?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: My hon. friend (Mr. DuTremblay) has asked questions to

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which I do not suppose he expects any definite answers. Taking the last one first, I know of no mission of Sir William Wiseman or any one else to Canada at the present time to determine in any way whatever what may be the compensation which will fall to Canada as a result of the ultimate payment of the indemnity by Germany or by the Central Powers. That is a matter that has to be worked out, as hon. gentlemen will see who have read the Peace Treaty, and it will take a considerable amount of trouble to work it out. It would never be worked out in the way which is suggested by the question of my hon. friend. The amount that Canada will receive in the end will depend upon the amount of the indemnity that these enemy powers will be able to pay, the time at which it is paid, and the share which will come to Canada in connection and in participation with the other Entente Powers that were engaged in the war. I do not think I could give my hon. friend any fuller information than that. He will have to draw as best he can his own conclusions from what I have said.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. J. E. ARMSTRONG (East Lambton): I have received a number of telegrams and letters from western Ontario asking about the Daylight Saving Bill and protesting against it. I wish to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether such a Bill has been introduced or whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce such a Bill this session.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: No such Bill has been introduced and it is not the present intention of the Government to introduce one. Conditions are somewhat different internationally from what they were before and in the meantime I am quite convinced that the progressive people in towns and cities, being free to adopt daylight saving, will be able to do so according to their own circumstances and needs even if no general Bill is introduced.

INCOME TAX RETURN.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. J. ARCHAMBAULT (Chambly and Vercheres): I would like to ask the hon. the Minister of Finance (Sir Henry Drayton) if the forms for the income tax return for the use of farmers and ranchers have been printed in French. I received a letter to-day from a farmer living in Cantal, Saskatchewan, in which he states that he