

- (a) that men might be medically examined here;
- (b) that their expenses to Canada would not be a Canadian Government expense.

He would, of course, have to see Ministers in this connection. I asked him to include in the scope of his enquiry the question of enlistment in the Royal Canadian Navy should we have requests for the same.

As to (3) *Rations* Major-General Hertzberg referred me for the rations of the troops to a book on Pay and Allowances, copies of which I had, together with instructions modifying the same, copies of which he then gave me. As to prisoners, he said that under some Geneva Convention they were entitled to the same rations as the troops. I communicated this to my Commissioner by telegraph. He added, in so many words, that if there was any earthly thing he could do for us we should on no account fail to let him know. This was typical of the attitude encountered throughout.

As to (4) *Censorship* The Chief Censor said that they were not censoring to the United States as this was at present considered to be almost impossible in practice. He said that while he was in the stage of improvisation (he had in fact only shifted his office that morning) his feeling was that the best course was to exercise a selective scrutiny on mail going to the United States without attempting general censorship the idea being to pick up information, if possible. I pointed out that if they were not censoring to the United States and we were not censoring to Canada the position was wide open so far as we are concerned. He agreed and said he could only recommend that we take a somewhat similar course. He said the public did not know in what direction there was a censorship and in what direction there was not. I incorporated this in the code telegram sent from the High Commissioner's Office, through the kindness of the Chief Secretary.

As to (5) *Control of Supplies* Mr. Robertson said the situation was so undefined at the moment that he really could not give me any material which would be useful to our Food Control Department. He explained that there were three committees, directed more or less to (a) food control and profiteering; (b) supply; and (c) production, and that they were in the stage of attempting to define the fields of action of the different committees. He gave me a short set of published regulations which I thought might be useful.

I also saw the High Commissioner and Chief Secretary again before leaving, so that they might know what point I had reached, besides sending the cable for me.