

one side, and Germany on the other side, creating a menace to the well-being and integrity of the Empire, and having regard to the duty of the Dominion of Canada as one of these Dominions to provide for its own defence and to assist in maintaining the integrity and honour of the Empire,—that it is desirable to mobilize Militia units of the various arms of the service to such effective strength as may from time to time be determined by Your Royal Highness in Council, such units to be composed of officers and men who are willing to volunteer for overseas service under the British Crown; to organize and equip them for war and to make and perfect all arrangements necessary to enable them to enlist and be enrolled for service under His Majesty's Government, should that Government so desire.

The Minister recommends, in order that this purpose may be carried out, that Your Royal Highness authorize the raising and equipment of such units of such effective strength as aforesaid, the concentrating of them at some point to be selected by the Minister of Militia, with Your Royal Highness's approval, and to make and perfect all arrangements necessary to enable them to enlist and be enrolled for service under His Majesty's Government should that Government so desire, upon such terms of engagement and for such service as may be deemed advisable.

The Committee concur in the foregoing and submit the same for Your Royal Highness's approval.

#### 51. *Order in Council*

P.C. 2068

August 6, 1914

Whereas in view of the state of war existing between the United Kingdom and the Dominions, Colonies and Dependencies of the Empire, on the one side, and Germany on the other side; and in view of the fact that thereby the Dominion of Canada is liable to invasion and other assaults of a hostile nature, such an emergency has arisen as calls for the placing of the Militia on "active service."

Therefore His Royal Highness the Governor General in Council, under the authority of Section Sixty-nine of the Militia Act, is hereby pleased to order that such corps or parts of the Militia as may from time to time, with the approval of the Governor General in Council, be named or designated in General Orders published in *The Canada Gazette*, be placed on active service in Canada.

#### 52. *Colonial Secretary to Governor General*

TELEGRAM

London, August 6, 1914

SECRET. With reference to my telegram of August 4. His Majesty's Government gratefully accept your offer to send expeditionary force to this country, and would be glad if it could be despatched as soon as possible. Suggested composition follows.

HARCOURT