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Important Dominion Issues

The call of Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain for an Imperial War Conference before the end of February, to be attended by the Premiers of the Overseas Dominions, has quickened political departmental life at the capital. Sir Robert Borden has cabled his acceptance of the invitation to attend and Parliament has been called for Thursday, January 18, in order that the political situation may be sized up before it is necessary for Sir Robert to purchase his ticket for London.

London Deliberations Important
It is not generally believed here that the deliberations in London will be confined to the war and a consultation of the representatives of the Overseas Dominions as to its conduct. Trade and other questions, as they will be affected by peace, will undoubtedly be topics of discussion and it would not be surprising to see steps taken to inaugurate inter-imperial policies which may have a marked effect upon the social and economic fabric of the Empire.

Mention of the probability of these subjects being considered at the Imperial conference at least indicates that the Prime Minister will have some important matters to report to the Dominion Parliament on his return to Canada, and that the really important developments pointing either to an election or to an extension of the Parliamentary term are likely to occur after Sir Robert is back in Ottawa.

The impression prevails that the formal debate on the address which constitutes the preliminary limbering up of the Parliamentary machine will be of more than ordinary importance and may last for two or three weeks. With the possibility that the session will be the last before an election is held the natural disposition of the opposition will be to turn all their artillery of criticism against the government, more particularly as it would be within the power of the government, under ordinary circumstances, to shut off criticism

after this debate is concluded by dissolving the house and appealing to the country. Apart from the opposition there is a great curiosity to know what Sir Sam Hughes, ex-minister of Militia is likely to do. For a man who allowed his own talkative disposition to get him into all kinds of trouble when in office the ex-minister of militia has been keeping very quiet. Since his resignation he has made but one speech—that at Lindsay in advocacy of conscription. To a great many people this came as a considerable surprise because Sir Sam from the beginning of the war has been a warm advocate of the voluntary system of enlistment. It is recalled, however, that in the correspondence with Sir Robert Borden which led to his retirement the ex-minister stated his belief that the voluntary system in Canada had produced all that could reasonably be expected of it and that some other means of securing reinforcements for the Canadian forces would have to be found.

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