

forces of occupation, and the contribution by land, sea and air of Polish and Canadian armed forces to the allied cause.

Arrangements have been completed for constituting a Polish armed force in Canada for service overseas. The Canadian government will give its full cooperation in the establishment of this force, which, after a period of training in Canada, will join the armed forces of the Polish nation.

We avail ourselves of this occasion to record the determination of the peoples of our respective countries to continue to share to the utmost of their strength with Britain, other nations of the commonwealth and our allies in the preservation and restoration of freedom. Already, we look beyond that horizon to the day when the joint efforts of all who love liberty may combine to bring into being a world order founded upon international cooperation, justice, toleration, and good-will.

DEFENCE OF CANADA REGULATIONS

CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. J. E. MICHAUD (Minister of Fisheries) moved:

That the second report of the special committee on the defence of Canada regulations, presented to the house on Thursday, April 3, 1941, be now concurred in.

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): Would the chairman of the committee be good enough to explain to the house the general effect of this recommendation? My own understanding of it is that it takes Czechoslovakian nationals out of the category of alien enemies. Is that the effect?

Mr. MICHAUD: That is the effect.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): That is, prior to a certain day?

Mr. MICHAUD: Yes.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Is it unanimous on the part of the committee?

Mr. MICHAUD: Yes.

Motion agreed to.

ALBERTA NATURAL RESOURCES

AGREEMENT RESPECTING POWER DEVELOPMENT FOR WAR PURPOSES AFFECTING WATERS IN BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Hon. T. A. CRERAR (Minister of Mines and Resources) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 60, to amend the Alberta Natural Resources Act.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Explain.

Mr. CRERAR: Late last autumn the decision was reached to establish an ammonium nitrate plant at Calgary, for purposes of aiding in the manufacture of certain classes of munitions in Canada. The question of power

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was an important one. It is estimated that the plant when completed will utilize about 23,000 horse-power. As the matter was one of considerable urgency, an application was made by the Calgary Power company, supported by the Department of Munitions and Supply, for power to raise the level of lake Minnewanka, in the Banff national park. By raising the level of the lake a dependable flow of water could be assured, particularly during the winter months. After full consideration, the decision was reached to grant the application of the Calgary Power company to proceed with this work. It was desired to have the power available not later than November first of this year. Accordingly permission was given to the Calgary Power company, by an order in council under the War Measures Act, to proceed with the work, subject—I desire to make perfectly clear—to approval by parliament.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): And the province of Alberta.

Mr. CRERAR: Yes, subject to approval by the parliament of Canada so far as the federal interest in it was concerned. The province of Alberta, through its government, had already requested that the government here take the necessary action. The procedure will be to amend the Alberta Natural Resources Act. That procedure is necessary because, when this additional water is stored, some of it which is now in the province of Alberta will come inside the boundaries of the national park, and of course when it passes through the power plant which is to be erected near Anthracite it goes again into the domain over which the Alberta government have control.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): The effect of this bill, if passed, will be to deliver for all time the entire power production of the Bow river. That is the effect of it.

Mr. CRERAR: I beg your pardon?

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): It will be the delivery to the Calgary Power company for all time of the entire hydro-electric power of the Bow river.

Mr. CRERAR: That is a matter that is not within the control of the federal government. What will happen in that respect depends upon the Alberta government so far as their works outside the park are concerned. The leader of the opposition is quite correct in saying that once these works are established they will likely remain. That is to say, it is not contemplated that \$2,000,000—because we are informed that is about what the works will cost—would be expended and then the works