

their own recruiting as units and that others which had not been called up (and were indignant thereat) had had to be stripped of equipment, and I judged that, for the moment, everything was at sixes and sevens. Most of this was gathered outside and not from the Department.

Col. Dewar said he would recommend very strongly that all our requirements should be furnished to us. He was embarrassed in dealing with me by the necessity of attending to constant pressing appointments and I went to and from his Department a great deal during the two days. Towards the afternoon of Tuesday, his report and recommendations having gone before Major-General Elkins, the Master General of the Ordnance, I was taken to see that officer, who was most kind and said that he would do all that he could for us, but that he could not finally authorize that equipment go out of Canada without consulting the Chief of the General Staff, who could, for the moment, not be seen. The matter having reached this stage he asked what I was doing next and suggested that I go on to Toronto and attend to my personal business (the placing of my son at school) and that he would get in touch with me there as soon as he had made progress.

Incidentally, in the course of Monday and Tuesday:

(1) I called upon the Deputy Minister of Justice, on general principles, having received many courtesies from his Department.

(2) At the suggestion of the Commissioner for Justice I asked the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs if he could initiate unofficial enquiries as to the possibilities of individuals from Newfoundland enlisting in the Canadian Forces.

(3) I saw Major-General H. F. H. Hertzberg, Quartermaster General in pursuance of an enquiry from my Commissioner as to the rations given to the troops and to prisoners or internees.

(4) Through the kind offices of Dr. Skelton and of the Under-Secretary of State, Dr. E. H. Coleman, I saw the Chief Censor, Mr. Thompson, to elucidate the question of censorship as between Canada and United States, which I had been asked to enquire into by our censorship staff.

(5) On the introduction of Dr. Skelton, I saw Mr. Norman A. Robertson of his Department, in pursuance of a request from the Secretary for Public Health & Welfare that I should try to get him some regulations, forms or information helpful in the matter of control of foodstuffs, prices, etc.

As to these matters:

(2) *Enlistment* I first saw, on Col. Dewar's suggestion, Col. Goodeve of the Adjutant General's Department, but that Department felt that the matter might have political aspects in view of the non-calling up of some of the existing Militia Units and I was referred back to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. He undertook to look into the matter unofficially, working on the following assumptions which I suggested but, as I said, without any specific authority so to do: