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of Mr. Bonar Law to the other speeches to be printed, 3.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)—2.

Suggests that papers be made available not only to the members but to the people at large, 2.

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Reference to extension of Governor General's term of office—*Sir Robert Borden*—22.

Borden, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert (Prime Minister)—22.

Announces the indefinite extension of the Governor General's term of office during the continuance of the war, 22-3.

Graham, Hon. G. P. (Renfrew South)—23.

The people of Canada will hear the announcement with great gratification and satisfaction, 23.

VACANCY.

Speaker, His Honour the—1.

Informs House of vacancy in Westmoreland on account of the death of the Hon. H. R. Emmerson, 1.

WAR APPROPRIATION.

House in Committee on following resolution:—

Resolved, that it is expedient to provide that a sum not exceeding fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) be granted to His Majesty towards defraying any expenses that may be incurred by or under the authority of the Governor in Council during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1915, for—

- (a) The defence and security of Canada;
- (b) The conduct of naval or military operations in or beyond Canada;
- (c) Promoting the continuance of trade, industry and business communications whether by means of insurance or indemnity against war risk or otherwise; and
- (d) The carrying out of any measures deemed necessary or advisable by the Governor in Council in consequence of the existence of a state of war;

Further resolved, that the Governor in Council be empowered to raise by way of loan, temporary or otherwise, such sums of money as are required for the purpose of making any payment authorized by any Act founded on these resolutions.—*Sir Robert Borden*, 43.

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Borden, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert (Prime Minister)—52.

The Order in Council states certain particulars with regard to the force, and I have other details under my hand which I shall give to the committee if desired. The actual cost of equipping a force and maintaining it for the period of one year, that is, the total cost of equipment, pay and maintenance, is estimated at about

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\$1,000 per man, 52. Cost of mobilization in detail given. The Government will be glad to take into consideration what has been suggested, but, on the other hand, it must be remembered that we have entered into a very great war for the purpose of preserving Belgian neutrality and independence, and, as far as the press reports indicate, a very large force has been sent to Belgium for the purpose of protecting that country, 55. I appreciate the importance of the observations made by my hon. friend. Personally I am not in a position to speak with accuracy as to the facilities which exist at Halifax at the present time, 57. We shall give the best consideration we can to the suggestions of my hon. friend, and take such action as may seem proper and reasonable under the circumstances. We listened to what these gentlemen had to say, and expressed appreciation of the interest they took in a subject which gravely concerns the Dominion at the present time. We asked them to put their proposal in a more definite form, 59. Anything that the Government can do in that regard, without undertaking to manage the business of the banks or to dictate to them, will, of course, be done, 60.

Carroll, W. F. (Cape Breton South)—59.

May I suggest to the Government that in conjunction to what has been done by organized labour and by the friends generally of Canada on behalf of the unemployed, there might be something the Government could do to help out rail makers and steel workers, not only in Sydney, but throughout the whole of Canada as well, 60.

Hazen, Hon. J. D. (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—53.

Submarines were purchased in Seattle. The amount paid was \$1,500,000, 53. When the war broke out the *Rainbow* was put into service for the protection of British shipping on the Pacific coast. The *Niobe* is being manned and will be ready to sail on the 1st of September, 54.

Hughes, J. J. (King's P.E.I.)—58.

The purchase of flour on the part of the Government has met with the approval of every person in Canada. Reference made to the gifts of the provinces, 58. I am quite satisfied that if the people of Prince Edward Island are afforded the privilege of supplying anything asked for at this time they will supply it free of commission, free of middlemen's charge. I would suggest that the Government, in making purchases, should extend to the whole of the people the privilege of offering the supplies that they have on hand, 59.

Hughes, Hon. Sam. (Minister of Militia and Defence)—55.

As far as the purchase of supplies is concerned, opportunity has been given to every