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GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. J. H. BURNHAM (Peterborough West): May I inquire whether the Government has adopted the policy that a constituency has no right to be consulted concerning any governmental appointment to be made in or for that constituency?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I do not quite know what my hon. friend means by consulting the constituency. With regard to appointments, the policy of the Government is to get the best information available—

Sir SAM HUGHES: Therefore they do not consult the members.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN:—with regard to the qualifications of any person who is appointed to public office, there is no reason why the member for the constituency should not be consulted. There is no reason why other sources of information should not be sought. The purpose is to appoint the persons best qualified for the position.

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.— ARMY CORPS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Sir SAM HUGHES: Has the Government any information concerning the proposed breaking up of the Canadian corps at the front? I shall put my question in another form. Is it true that one or more divisions of the Canadian Army Corps at the front have been dropped from the Canadian corps and are now serving with the British Army Corps, in other words, making two army corps instead of one, as should have been done long ago?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: According to any information in possession of the Government, the Canadian Army Corps has not been broken up. It may be true that, for a certain temporary purpose, one of the divisions was sent to reinforce the British troops who were defending a particular place. There is nothing more in the suggestion than that.

MEDICAL SERVICE AND FORESTRY CORPS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX (Maison-neuve): Mr. Speaker, I wish again to call the attention of the Minister of Militia to a cable despatch which appears in this morning's Montreal Gazette in regard to the Medical Service Corps and the Forestry Corps in England. It is a very severe condemnation of the system, and the minister is asked on behalf of our fellowmen on the other side to act, not to inquire.

Major-General MEWBURN: That question was raised the other day. Some little time ago there was received from the Overseas Minister a letter enclosing a letter from the Officer Commanding, Brigadier-General Alexander MacDougall, stating that everything in the Forestry Corps was in splendid shape. The Overseas Minister remarked that he had inspected the Forestry Corps in England and had found the discipline of the men of a very high character. He also reported he had organized a culling out system throughout the whole of England with a view to seeing if there were in England any men who were not fit for overseas service in France, the purpose being that men unfit for service in France, who could be spared, should be sent back to Canada. All the men in the Forestry Corps who are fit for service at the front are being sent to France. I have already sent word to the Overseas Minister in regard to this report which evidently emanated from England. We had no previous knowledge of it here. I asked him to have the matter investigated immediately. As regards the Medical Service Corps, we have no knowledge, whatever, of any such charge as is stated in that article. I have also asked the Overseas Minister for an immediate explanation in regard to it, so that we may have the information.

Sir SAM HUGHES: I beg to make a correction, not that the Minister of Militia is making a mistake, but the words are placed in his mouth that somebody insti-