

best a tolerated stranger, accepted from necessity and looked at with a certain degree of curiosity. In the opinion of Conservative members he is and always will be a poor relation. His views of Canada are not their views; his ambition for more French Canadian influence in our public life is not their ambition. They are firm in the opinion that we French Canadians are a source of trouble in their endeavours to make Canada an American England. There is no friendship or sympathy between them and us. I may add, however, that a good proportion of English speaking Canadians, particularly the young generation, show us more sympathy, because they have a real sense of true Canadianism.

I have decided to leave them, and I did not do so hastily. For the past few months I have been in consultation with people in Quebec who all expressed the opinion that it is useless for the province of Quebec to make any further attempts to work hand in hand with the Conservative party. Warm sympathy, the main element, is lacking. You all remember the story of the man who called upon an acquaintance. He was first told that the man was not at home; he then forced the door but he was received with a heap of abuse. He went a third time, when he was taken by the scruff of the neck and kicked down the verandah. He then said, "Well, I don't think that man wants to see me." Take out the violence and I think you will see there is something like that in the attitude of the Conservative organizers toward Quebec Conservatives.

It is my intention to stand at the next general election as a Canadian desirous of contributing, in my humble capacity, to the progress of the whole dominion without racial or religious prejudice, recognizing the rights of all citizens and fighting against bigotry wherever it is found.

SOLDIERS' DEPENDENTS

QUESTION OF INCREASED ASSISTANCE AND COST OF LIVING BONUS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. D. G. ROSS (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the government if they will consider granting increased assistance to families of enlisted men, consisting of more than two children, and also whether they have given consideration to the granting of a cost of living bonus to the families of enlisted men.

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance): Consideration is being given to those matters, but I am not in a position to make any statement on them at the moment.

CANADA'S WAR EFFORT

INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF BUREAU OF INFORMATION IN NEW YORK

On the orders of the day:

Hon. H. A. BRUCE (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, in view of the importance of having Canada's war effort more widely known in the United States than it is at present, will the Prime Minister tell the house whether it is the government's intention at an early date to establish a Canadian bureau of information in New York?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the matter of how best to have Canada's war effort appreciated in the United States is one to which we have been giving full consideration. No final decision has been reached as yet as to the particular method or places in which that aim may best be accomplished. Personally I cannot think of a better means of making Canada's war effort known in the United States and elsewhere than to have our own press give a full appreciation of it. I believe the press of the United States obtain most of their information with respect to Canada's war effort from what appears in our own press. However I do see the necessity of having information from that source supplemented, and the government is giving attention to the best possible methods.

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On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I at the outset express to our friend, the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Ralston) our pleasure at his safe return from the strenuous and perilous trip upon which he embarked some weeks ago. I am sure all hon. members are glad to see him back looking so well. I hope he has not suffered any ill effects from a journey which I found to be somewhat difficult. I shall not say more than that.

Yesterday when the house was discussing the reasons for our being here I took occasion to place on record what was my understanding when we left here in June last. I had assumed as a matter of fact that when we resumed our sittings yesterday we would do so for the purpose of prorogation, and the opening of another session. For reasons which now appear as a matter of record, and which I have not challenged—because either course is satisfactory to me—the decision has been otherwise. I shall not traverse that matter again,