

47. *Order in Council*

P.C. 2049

August 4, 1914

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 4th August, 1914, from the Minister of the Naval Service, submitting that section 23 of the Naval Service Act, Chapter 43 of the Statutes of 1910, provides that:

23. In case of an emergency the Governor in Council may place at the disposal of His Majesty, for general service in the Royal Navy, the Naval Service or any part thereof, any ships or vessels of the Naval Service, and the officers and seamen serving in such ships or vessels, or any officers or seamen belonging to the Naval Service.

An emergency having arisen, the Minister recommends that H.M.C.S. *Niobe* and H.M.C.S. *Rainbow*, together with the officers and seamen serving in such vessels, be placed at the disposal of His Majesty for general service in the Royal Navy.¹

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendation and submit the same for approval.

48. *Governor General to Colonial Secretary*

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, August 5, 1914

Government of Canada have by Order in Council 4th August placed H.M.C.S. *Niobe*, *Rainbow*, together with officers and men serving in them at disposal of His Majesty for general service in Royal Navy.

ARTHUR

49. *Governor General to Colonial Secretary*

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, August 5, 1914

My Government being desirous of putting beyond doubt status of Canadian volunteers, request that His Majesty may be pleased to issue an order bringing these volunteers under Sections 175 and 176 of the Army Act.

ARTHUR

50. *Order in Council*

P.C. 2067

August 6, 1914

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 6th August, 1914, from the Minister of Militia and Defence, representing,— in view of the state of war now existing between the United Kingdom, and the Dominions, Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire on the

¹ Canada also possessed two submarines which were placed at the disposal of the Admiralty by Order in Council P.C. 2072 of August 7, 1914. The story of how these submarines came into Canadian possession is told in Gilbert N. Tucker, *The Naval Service of Canada*, Ottawa, 1952, Vol. I, pp. 283-303.