

which would give equal justice to the population of all parts of Canada. I believe that even if we have an election now we should have another election within a reasonably early period thereafter so that the whole country may be fairly represented.

My hon. friend from Saltcoats (Mr. MacNutt) showed a disposition to vote against this amendment provided he got some assurance as to the intention of the Government, but he failed to get any. Personally, I do not think he should have expected anything else.

Hon. Mr. W. L. MACKENZIE KING: Quite right.

Mr. LEVI THOMSON: I do not see how any minister could go further than the hon. Minister of the Interior went last night. No ministry knows how long they may remain in power,—and certainly this ministry does not. Therefore I think they are quite right in refusing to give any further assurance than the hon. Minister of the Interior gave last night. In view of this fact, I feel that the only course I am justified in taking is to vote for the amendment.

On motion of Mr. A. L. Davidson (Digby and Annapolis) the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Sir George Foster the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

### Monday, March 8, 1920.

The House met at Three o'clock.

#### THE LATE LIEUTENANT-COLONEL G. H. BAKER, M.P.

##### MEMORIAL IN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS TO BE ERECTED.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that a Message has been received from the Senate acquainting this House that the Honourable Messieurs Bradbury, Casgrain, Foster and Pope have been appointed a special committee to determine the form of the memorial to be erected in the Parliament Buildings to the late Lieutenant-Colonel George Harold Baker, M.P. for Brome, he being the only member of Parliament who lost his life on the field of battle, and inviting this House to appoint a like committee to act jointly with a committee of the Senate.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE FOSTER (Acting Prime Minister) moved:

That the following Members of Parliament, to wit: Sir Sam Hughes, Messrs. Boivin, Kay and Griesbach, be appointed a Special Com-

mittee to confer and act with a like Committee of the Senate in determining the form of the Memorial to be erected in the Parliament Buildings to the late Lieutenant-Colonel Baker, M.P. for Brome, who lost his life on the field of battle; and that a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honours therewith.

Mr. SPEAKER: This motion can only be entertained by unanimous consent.

Motion agreed to.

#### GOLD SHIPMENT FROM OTTAWA TO NEW YORK.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. JEAN J. DENIS (Joliette): I would call the attention of the Government to a press despatch of March 5 to the effect that gold coin valued at approximately \$3,000,000 has been shipped to New York from Canada for the account of the Canadian Government, and that this is understood to be the forerunner of further shipments. I should like to know if this report is correct, and whether, if further shipments are contemplated, they are to be made for the purpose of relieving the exchange situation between Canada and the United States.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON (Minister of Finance): It is quite correct that there is a movement of some gold from Ottawa to New York. It is being shipped in payment of some Canadian obligations payable in New York. This method of meeting our obligations was adopted for the reason that otherwise, in view of the exchange situation, there would have been a serious expense to the country. When shipping in gold, the expense is only one-tenth of one per cent; being our actual cost of transport. As against, therefore, an exchange ranging from 13 to 17, which on a large payment would constitute a very serious loss, we are getting rid of our obligations in New York for one-tenth of one per cent and at the same time keeping within our statutory gold reserve. The movement is not made for the purpose of correcting the exchange but simply for the purpose of discharging our obligations in that market.

#### THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

##### ADDRESS IN REPLY.

Consideration of the motion of Mr. Hume Cronyn for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session, and the proposed amendment of the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie King thereto, resumed from Friday, March 5.