

writing, owing to the necessity of getting the formal permission of the British military authorities, this is but a matter of form. In the meantime, the actual work of organization is proceeding.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick M. Gaudet has been named and has accepted the position of commanding officer. Recruiting in Montreal will be carried on at four recruiting stations, each in charge of a separate group of officials. Four chiefs of groups have been named, Dr. Mignault, A. V. Roy, Major Paul E. Mercier and Captain J. A. Filiatrault. Public meetings in the interests of the regiment have been arranged at which leading public men, including Sir Wilfrid Laurier will appear.

Whether the French-Canadian regiment will become a part of the second contingent of the Canadian Overseas forces is as yet definitely unknown, but present indications point to the regiment being given its preliminary training at St. Johns, the historic military centre of western Quebec.

A PROMISE REDEEMED.

"I have no hesitation in saying that if the day should come when the supremacy of Britain, on the high seas should be challenged, it will be the duty of all the daughter nations to close around the old motherland, and make a rampart about her to ward off any attack. I hope that day will never come, but should it come, I would deem it my duty to devote what might be left of my life and energy to stump the country and endeavour to impress upon my fellow countrymen, especially my compatriots in the Province of Quebec, the conviction that the salvation of England is the salvation of our own country, and therein lies the guaranty of our civil and religious freedom and everything we value in life. These are the sentiments which animate the government on this occasion."

SIR WILFRID LAURIER,
House of Commons.

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HON. MR. KING'S WORLD-WIDE TASK.

HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING, former Minister of Labor in the administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has accepted a commission offered him by the trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation to conduct a world-wide investigation into ways and means of improving the relations between capital and labour. Mr. King's appointment dates from October 1, and he has already entered with characteristic activity on his new work.

The aims of the investigation which Mr. King has undertaken are set forth in an official statement issued by the Trustees. In many respects the work of the investigation of the problem of industrial relations will be similar to that carried on by the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research and other inquiries instituted by the Rockefeller Foundation.

It will be scientific and practical and will include a searching of such agencies as industrial co-partnership and co-operation, profit-sharing, housing conditions, garden cities, conciliation, industrial training and in fact everything that can be found to have a bearing on the relations between capital and labour.

World-wide in Scope.

The work will not be confined to any one country but will be world-wide in its scope and Mr. King has been given an absolutely free hand to proceed with his investigations in any way he may consider best. In a statement to the Press, Mr. King has foreshadowed its scope by describing it as "a study of existing means and agencies throughout the world for improving the relations of capital and labor, and for bettering conditions under which modern industry is carried on and industrial workers live". It will not relate to any existing controversies, or to the business of any corporation. In the words of the Charter of the Rockefeller Foundation it is "For the well-being of mankind throughout the World".

Remains in Canada.

Hon. Mr. King's acceptance of this commission will not involve his giving up residence in Canada nor severing his connection with politics, in which he has had so notable a career. In his statement to the Press, Mr. King said: "I have expressly reserved my right to run for Parliament, and if elected, to serve as a member, and unless the Liberals of North York may desire another candidate, it is my intention to reciprocate the confidence they have shown in nominating me for that riding, by contesting the seat whenever the general elections may be brought on." For the present, therefore, Mr. King will continue to reside in Ottawa where in the Library of Parliament and the special library of the Department of Labour, he will have at his hand facilities for extended reference and research.

An Honor to Canada.

In choosing Hon. Mr. King to direct this great work, the Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation have paid a remarkable tribute to his ability, and at the same time a great honor to Canada. That Mr. King is eminently qualified for the work is known to all who followed his tenure of office in the Department of Labour, first as Deputy Minister, and later as Minister of Labour. During that time he made an international name for himself and for his department in dealing with the problems of labour in Canada.

The Rockefeller Foundation has among its Trustees a number of the foremost publicists and educationists of the United States. The Foundation has an endowment of \$100,000,000, affording it every facility to undertake any work the Trustees may deem proper and likely to benefit mankind. It is the policy of the Foundation to publish the results of its researches, and for those conducted under Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King there will be a permanent constituency of keenly interested readers and students in many countries.

Mr. King, on undertaking his new work, has of course terminated his connection with the Central Information Office of the Liberal Party, with which he has been closely connected.