

make actual appointment until Contingent ready as Alderson now busy at other work. Any additional men sent by Canada over full division will be placed under some other command here. Kitchener tells me intends training Canadians on Salisbury Plain and is having place prepared for that purpose.

PERLEY

*71. Prime Minister to Acting High Commissioner  
in United Kingdom*

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, September 7, 1914

Several Ministers attended Valcartier review yesterday. Appearance and bearing of twenty-two thousand men reviewed was highly satisfactory. Over thirty-three thousand men assembled at Valcartier besides Farquhar's regiment at Levis. Altogether about forty three thousand men under arms in Canada. Magnificent progress in organization of camp has been accomplished and conditions are entirely satisfactory. Only delay now necessary is complete supplies, equipment and clothing which will occupy about two weeks. Please confidentially sound Harcourt as to desirability and necessity of our expeditionary force being increased to say forty thousand men by dispatch of second contingent. How many do Australia and New Zealand each propose to send. Have any Russian troops gone to France through Great Britain.

BORDEN

*72. Colonial Secretary to Governor General*

TELEGRAM

London, September 8, 1914

The King has been graciously pleased to send the following message to the Governments and peoples of His Self-Governing Dominions:

To the Governments and Peoples of my Self-Governing Dominions

During the past few weeks the peoples of my whole Empire at home and overseas have moved with one mind and purpose to confront and overthrow an unparalleled assault upon the continuity of civilization and the peace of mankind. The calamitous conflict is not of my seeking. My voice has been cast throughout on the side of peace. My Ministers earnestly strove to allay the causes of strife and to appease differences with which my Empire was not concerned. Had I stood aside when in defiance of pledges to which my Kingdom was a party, when the soil of Belgium was violated and her cities laid desolate, when the very life of the French nation was threatened with extinction, I should have sacrificed my honour and given to destruction the liberties of my Empire and of mankind. I rejoice that every part of the Empire is with me in this decision.