

BORDEN APPEALS TO PATRIOTISM

Moves His Resolution to Amend the Military Service Act.

LAURIER PROTESTS Claims That With Parliament Siting a Bill Should Have Been Introduced.

Ottawa, April 19.—In the house of commons this afternoon before a crowded house Sir Robert Borden moved his resolution to approve the calling up of further men under the Military Service Act. The preliminary proceedings were brief. Both Sir Robert and Sir Wilfrid Laurier read a statement made in the British House of Commons showing that as a result of Russia's defection Germany, Belgium, and the western front would be able to add an additional force of no less than 1,600,000 men.

The circumstances, Sir Robert said, were of peculiar gravity. Since the first of March a battle had been proceeding on the western front which might continue for months and might ultimately decide the fate of the world. The attack had been made principally on the British army, which it was apparently the enemy's intention to force from the United States could be brought into the battle line. In this emergency it was necessary to call up men who were not only on the allied nations, but upon the world.

Germany's Calls on Man Power. Sir Robert reviewed the calls which had been made by Germany on her man power for military service. In November, 1916, Sir Robert said, Germany called on the world for 1,700,000 men, and other additions raised the man power of Germany for war purposes in the spring of 1917 by no less than 2,100,000. To that extent a year ago Germany had increased her armies, or at all events had created reserves which could be drawn upon in case of need. The annual addition to Germany's man power by the coming of age of men was about 500,000. In Austria it

was about 400,000. In France the annual addition was something less than 300,000. Moreover, Germany had practically enslaved tens of thousands of Belgians, and would no doubt make further drafts. There were in all 55,000,000 people in the territories newly conquered from Russia.

The practical disappearance of Russia in the war had had a most important influence on the power which Germany was able to exercise on the western front. Here Sir Robert read a statement made in the British House of Commons showing that as a result of Russia's defection Germany, Belgium, and the western front would be able to add an additional force of no less than 1,600,000 men. She would be able to hold her eastern front with inferior troops and to send her new levies there that they might be trained for work later on the western front.

Sir Robert then reviewed what the allies had done. One-sixth of the entire population of France was in the fighting line. For Canada that would mean at least one and a half million men. What had the British Empire done? asked Sir Robert, and in answering his question quoted figures which had been compiled by Sir Auckland Geddes, of the British Government. These figures gave the total strength of the British forces as 7,500,000 men. Of this number 4,500,000 had been contributed by England, 620,000 by Scotland, 230,000 by Wales, 170,000 by Ireland, 900,000 by the Dominion of Canada and the other colonies, and the remaining million by India and the African dependencies of Great Britain.

Sir Robert expressed the opinion that the figure of 900,000 did not do justice to what the colonies had done. He thought it should be nearer a million. But anyway the figure spoke for themselves. Australia and New Zealand had put more men into the fighting line in comparison with their populations than Canada had done.

Turning to the war effort of the Dominion the prime minister gave figures compiled up to March 31, 1918. He said that up to that date Canada had despatched overseas 344,760 men of all ranks; of these 245,000 were n.c.o.'s and men and 18,000 were officers. A table of military districts showed that the men had been recruited as follows: Military District No. 1 (London), 25,533; No. 2 (Toronto), 76,597; No. 3 (Kingston), 39,339; No. 4 (Montreal), 32,483; No. 5 (Quebec), 3,389; No. 6 and 7 (maritime provinces), 37,205; No. 10 and 12 (Manitoba and Saskatchewan), 76,593; No. 11 (Alberta, Columbia, 36,775; No. 13 (Alberta), 33,192. Canadian casualties so far, said the prime minister, were as follows: Killed in action, 25,912; died of wounds,

5871; died of disease, 1956; wounded, 106,195; prisoners of war, 2736; presumed dead, 3938; other casualties, 790. A compilation of these killed in action, died of wounds and disease, presumed dead and missing, said Sir Robert, would show that a total of about 41,000 young Canadians had given up their lives in the war up to March 31 last.

Sir Robert said that while he was not at liberty to tell the house just where the Canadians are located, he could say that the forces representing the Dominion are in greater strength and more confident in spirit than ever before. They are holding a position which had not yet been seriously attacked, and he would venture the assertion that so long as their flanks hold they will not fall back.

Heavy Casualties Expected. As to probable casualties, the people of Canada must be prepared for a heavy list when the inevitable attack comes. In the second battle of Ypres 60,000 men, or 40 per cent. of the Canadian forces, fell. During 1917 Canadian losses totaled 343,416, including 14,461 at Vimy Ridge, 10,124 during the fighting that occurred in May, 10,000 during the fighting in August, when the Canadians captured Hill 70, and 24,550 in November, when they took Passchendaele Ridge.

Coming to the order-in-council covering the amendments to the Military Service Act, Sir Robert said he realized that this act had been based upon the principle of exemption, by which the best men were held back. The experience of the members of the tribunals the quality of their work was varied and sometimes marked by injustice. In some parts of Canada there were so many exemptions that it became the duty of the government to appeal 80 to 90 per cent. of them. On the whole the results had not been so satisfactory as expected. The order-in-council, he said, had departed to some extent from the principle of exemption as had been done in Great Britain, but not in the United States, because the majority of exemptions in Great Britain applied to various occupational classes.

Reviewing the proposed order-in-council, Sir Robert said that under its terms class one would now consist of unmarried men, 19 years of age between 19 and 24 years of age and class two of married men of the same age. He continued: "The minister of militia proposes to call out first the men from 20 to 22 years of age in class one, both inclusive. Later he may be obliged to call out if the need shall demand it men in the same class and 23 years of age. It is estimated that from the men available in this way in each year called out there will probably be 10,000 physically fit for service at the front. "It may be said that we are abolishing, so far as the classes called out are concerned, the exemptions which were provided in the Military Service Act. That is perfectly true, but I do not know any other means by which the need can be met, and I can assure the members of this house that the

need is most urgent and most imperative. It may be said that this will interfere with production. I hope it will not. The resolution before the house, said the leader of the opposition, was for the purpose of making a change in the Military Service Act. The allied forces over in France were engaged in a terrific struggle for liberty, and the aim and hope of Canadians as well as the other allied nations, was to crush out Prussianism. "But," he continued, "while this struggle is going on, we are not allowing to enter into our government, the Prussian system of autocracy. Last year the government passed the Military Service Act and this year it attempts to amend this act by order-in-council. This is a wide departure from the British system of government and our government has no right to do it."

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An Aggravation of Act. The prime minister stated that more men must be secured for service at the front. The resolution proposed to deprive exemption of that right. This could not even contest the matter. This was only an aggravation of the Military Service Act introduced last year. At that time, Sir Wilfrid stated, he considered the act a mistake. On this point he had found it necessary to differ with many of his colleagues. The prime minister's statement in the house today was a confession that the house today was not fulfilled his expectations.

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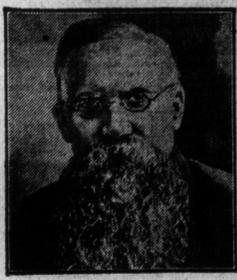
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The minister of agriculture was to have farmers. The present, Sir Wilfrid said, was the beginning of the seeding season. If men were taken away from the farms they could not be trained for the front in less than four months, but their loss to production would be felt immediately. "If," Sir Wilfrid declared, "you want to help England in the present emergency, leave these men to produce the food, of which she stands in need."

Referring to Quebec, Sir Wilfrid said that the elections had largely been fought on the cry, "you must not allow Quebec to rule Canada." "Quebec," Sir Wilfrid went on, "does not want to rule Canada. Quebec does not want to rule, nor to be ruled by anybody. Quebec wants to take its position in this fight as a member of the Canadian confederation. We have been in confederation for 50 years, and we shall remain in it."

It had been whispered from ear to ear that "we must make Quebec fight." This cry had gone round all parts of Canada. But, Sir Wilfrid said, the men of Quebec who had gone to the front, had shown they could fight. "And," Sir Wilfrid added, "they will fight when they are appealed to on proper lines. If there had been a different manner of ap-

proaching them, you would have had better results."

After a reference to the Nationalist campaign of 1911, Sir Wilfrid went on, "we cannot be separated. We must be united. How shall we do it? Is it by compulsion, or by conciliation of the people, one man to the other? If you want to have soldiers in Quebec, the thing is easy enough. Appeal to them. Appeal to their imaginations. Appeal to their racial feelings. Give them good officers and they will follow those officers into the very jaws of German hell."

Sir Wilfrid concluded that when the verdict was pronounced, Quebec would loyally accept it. Every citizen had the right to express his views on any measure and to combat it, if he thought it was unjust. He also thought it his duty, Sir Wilfrid added, to loyally obey it whatever the consequences to himself may be, and however much he may disapprove of it. "It is with these feelings that I appeal to the house—it is not yet too late—not to go further with this measure, but to persevere and consider it carefully by all the methods provided by the British system of government which we enjoy and then to make a clear decision."

Men. N. W. Rowell. Hon. M. W. Rowell, president of the privy council, said the responsibility rested with the government of Canada to see that the troops at the front were adequately reinforced at the front.

Mr. Rowell pointed out that conditions were not even the same as they were a month ago. They must be taken into account at the front and be prepared to meet it. The war could only be won if the allies were able to hold the Germans until their force was augmented to enable them to win a final victory. "I am sure, everything, and the action of the government was not a wide departure from constitutional government. It would take two to four months to get the men for the battle line, and that was why the government had introduced a resolution which could be dissolved at any time, instead of a bill. As a matter of fact the order asserted no larger power than already enjoyed under the Militia Act.

Sir Wilfrid had noted, had not proposed any other solution of the problem. He had said that they should send food, not men. It was Canada's duty to send men, food, munitions, ships and money. He (the speaker) represented a constituency made up very largely of farmers, and in that riding the measure would undoubtedly prove very unpopular, but he would not be doing his duty if he allowed any such considerations to weigh with him.

Canada's contribution figured out at about five per cent. of her population, while Britain's was twelve per cent., and Britain, by organizing the man and woman power of the country, had succeeded in increasing her agricultural production. If the other colonies could send larger forces in comparison with their population, should Canada, the greatest and wealthiest of them all, hesitate? To equal the war effort of Australia, the Dominion would have to send over another 100,000 men. Amendments Proposed and Rejected.

Dr. Madry, Frobencher, said it was not in the interests of the country to rob the farms of the help they needed. Seconded by Captain Road, Prince, he moved an amendment providing for "The exemption of those who are now actually and effectively engaged in the production of foodstuffs upon the farms of Canada."

This was defeated by 118 against, 70 for, a majority of 48. A second amendment, moved by L. A. Lapointe, St. James, Montreal, giving the six months' enlistment, was rejected by a majority of 55 against, 137, for 82. The main motion was then put and carried by a majority of 49, 114 for, 65 against.

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- DIZZINESS AND FATIGUE.** Miss Beatrice M. Thomson, Guelph, Ont., says: "I have derived great benefit from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. For nearly a year I was troubled with anemia, and many of its attendant evils. My face had a pale, tired, worn-out appearance, and I suffered from dizziness and fatigue with the slightest exertion. I tried different medicines, but instead of helping me I was actually growing worse. I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and by the time I had used six boxes, when I found my health fully restored, I most warmly recommended these pills of anyone who may be in poor health."
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