

Then in connection with the liquidation of enemy property in this country, legislation may also be necessary to authorize and carry into effect that liquidation. As a matter of convenience—in view of the different conditions and different sets of circumstances that may arise—it was considered desirable in Canada under the German and Austrian Treaties, as it was also considered desirable in Great Britain, to give the Government power to deal with all these matters by Order in Council so that specific provision might be made to meet the particular conditions which might arise under these Treaties. We are providing for the same procedure under this Treaty. I think I have given my hon. friend illustrations of how it may be necessary to establish offices, to appoint representatives and to pass Orders in Council.

Mr. FIELDING: Subsection 3 of section 1 provides that "any expense necessary in carrying out the said Treaty shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament." How are they to be provided?

Mr. ROWELL: By vote of this Parliament.

Mr. FIELDING: We put through a Bill of this character last year, and we now discover that the Government paid \$65,000—not out of a vote for this purpose, but out of a vote headed Demobilization. What demobilization has got to do with this Heaven only knows. I am amazed that the Government were permitted by the Auditor General to pass such an item. If it was submitted to the Department of Justice, and they said it was all right, we of course have got to bow to their ruling. I have asked for a return, which I have not yet received, but in the absence of any explanation it strikes me as extraordinary that the Government should have taken that course of financing those expenses.

An hon. MEMBER: High financing.

Mr. ROWELL: The return my hon. friend has asked for will be brought down at once in connection with the payment of the expenses of the League of Nations. If my hon. friend will turn up the vote on the Bill last year relating to demobilization, he will see the purposes defined to which the money may be applied, and I am advised that the Department of Justice and the Auditor General were both of the opinion that the expenditure came clearly within the purview of the legislation vote for demobilization purposes. The money was needed, there was an appropriation under which

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we were advised it could be properly paid, and we therefore paid it to meet the request of the League of Nations.

Mr. FIELDING: The plea that the money is needed is very often put forward by persons who take that which they should not properly have. I venture to say that when the corresponding Bill went through this House no one understood that it meant anything else than that a specific vote would be asked for that purpose. I can only say that if the money was taken as the minister states, demobilization, like charity, covers a multitude of sins.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Does the minister intend in regard to this matter to get whatever appropriation may be necessary out of some general demobilization vote, or will he ask for a specific vote?

Mr. ROWELL: I do not know that the question is relevant, but as a matter of fact the money cannot be taken out of the demobilization vote of last year, for that lapsed on the 31st of March, and the demobilization vote for the present year, as embodied in the Estimates brought down, does not cover this expense. Therefore it would be necessary to have a specific vote.

Mr. MCKENZIE: Perhaps when we deal with this matter again the minister will have before him the particular language which, he says, gave power to take money out of the demobilization fund to meet expenses in connection with the League of Nations. Then, although we do not belong to the Department of Justice, we may be allowed to bring our common sense to bear on the construction of that language, and if in our judgment such a use of the money was not justified, we will have the privilege of differing from the Department of Justice and the hon. minister.

Are we still at war with Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, or with any of them? It is important that we should know exactly when the war ceased, because our Naturalization Act of last year provides that ten years from the cessation of war an alien will have an opportunity of applying for naturalization. Therefore it is important for that class of citizens to know exactly when the period of ten years begins to run.

Mr. ROWELL: I will first deal with the position so far as Bulgaria is concerned, then I will answer my hon. friend in reference to the other countries. The Treaty with Bulgaria provides that it shall come into force when ratifications have been de-