

good will and peace between the nations of the world. The Government is disposed to give favourable consideration to a grant such as that mentioned in the question in case similar action should be taken in other countries.'

"That statement still holds good so far as this Government is concerned. Indeed, this Government is disposed to go a step further. The cause which the Canadian Peace Centenary Association and the corresponding bodies in the United Kingdom and the United States have set before them is one with which we are warmly sympathetic. It is a triumph of humanity that during a century of rapid development, despite the existence of serious international differences and problems, the British Empire and the United States have found wiser and more humane methods of adjusting differences than the arbitrament of war. We welcome the achievement of a century of peace, and hope that it will prove to be but the first century of peace, the forerunner of a long series stretching into the future as far as human anticipation can trust itself.

"The Government is informed that during the eight or nine months which have elapsed since I made my statement last year active organizing work has been carried on by the Canadian Peace Centenary Association. An organizing secretary has been appointed, offices have been opened, visits have been made to important centres in every province of the Dominion, and every necessary preparation for the holding of an adequate celebration a year hence has been made. It is gratifying to note that the organizing secretary, Mr. E. H. Scammell, reports that the response to the efforts of the association has been exceedingly cordial in the numerous centres visited. Strong local committees have been formed, valuable assistance has been rendered by the press, and in general public opinion has manifested an encouraging interest and friendliness. I understand that similar work also has been done in the United Kingdom and in the United States in particular. I am informed that a Bill appropriating a sum of money for the purposes of the celebration is now pending in the United States Congress.

"In answer to my hon. friend from North Waterloo (Mr. Weichel), I beg to say that, subject to the approval of His Royal Highness the Governor General, it is the purpose of the Government to insert in the Supplementary Estimates to be introduced this session the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of defraying the preliminary expenditures incurred in the work of organization."