

fairly full outline of these regulations. That information has been made available to the public, of which my right honourable friend is a member. I am not sure just what has been given out, but between now and 9 o'clock I shall see what has been done up to the present, and inquire why it was not done earlier. That is all I can say.

Hon Mr. BALLANTYNE: There is one point on which I should like to receive a little more enlightenment. I am concerned about the slow progress being made in recruiting units authorized for overseas. In the long statement that he presented in another place, the Minister of National Defence said the recruiting for overseas was proceeding satisfactorily, and previously the Prime Minister had made a similar statement. In my own city there are certain units with which I am very familiar, and, speaking as to them, I can say that recruiting for overseas has been bad indeed. The commanding officers are so exercised about it that they have called on private citizens for financial aid in order that posters may be printed and erected on billboards, that advertisements may be published in the newspapers, and so on. As to Ontario, also, I have accurate knowledge that overseas recruiting is far from satisfactory.

I recall that in the last war the recruiting under the voluntary system, especially when we got along to 1916, was very difficult. Sir Wilfrid Laurier addressed many large recruiting meetings, enthused the citizens and encouraged them to enlist for overseas. Sir Robert Borden did the same thing, as did other Ministers of the Crown and prominent citizens. In fact, great recruiting meetings were held all over this country, the bands were playing, flags were flying and the people were really aroused. But to-day, as one walks through the streets of any large city, one feels depressed. There appears to be no keen enthusiasm or desire to join the overseas forces.

I should like to ask my honourable friend the leader (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) if he does not think this is an opportune time for the Prime Minister, the Minister of National Defence and other members of the Cabinet to address the youth of this country over a national radio hook-up, to tell them about the seriousness of the war and urge them to rally to the colours in much larger numbers than they are now doing. Our people are rather confused about the enlistment question. It has been said over and over again by those in authority that the Non-Permanent Force, the militia units, are being rapidly filled up. Of course they are. But there is a reason for that. Young men are joining the Non-Permanent Force in such large numbers because

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they do not want to be taken into the draft. And I know the forestry unit is being rapidly filled up. But when you come to look at the infantry, the artillery and machine-gun units, you find a great lack of recruits for overseas.

The First Division has been authorized and sent overseas. The Second Division has been sent to certain places—I need not specify where—instead of going to England as an unbroken unit. Third and Fourth Divisions have been authorized. Well, you can ask any honourable member of this House what he thinks about recruiting, and, no matter what part of the country he comes from, he will have to report to about the same effect as I am doing now.

My only object in rising is to urge that the Prime Minister and those associated with him in the Government give the lead in a movement to speed up recruiting for overseas units. I hope that in the near future we shall see much more vigorous action along this line than there has been in past months.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: My honourable friend has probably not seen the Evening Journal, which reports that the Second Canadian Division has landed in England.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Most of it has, I hope. However, landing in England is one thing, and being in shape is another.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: My right honourable friend is not suggesting that he should be put at the head of the Second Division? Somebody is at the head of it and has the responsibility for deciding what work it shall do.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: And that somebody is all right. But he cannot equip the division.

Hon. Mr. LITTLE: Honourable senators, may I be allowed to correct the right honourable leader on the other side (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen)? In his enthusiasm for despair he stated that we had been waiting for details of the regulations for weeks, and I am not sure that he did not say for months.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: No; I said for a month.

Hon. Mr. LITTLE: The notice of motion for the establishment of a department to conduct national registration was given in the other House on the 9th of July, and the first inquiry about registration and mobilization by the honourable junior senator from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Haig) was made in this House on the 12th of July.

Hon. JAMES MURDOCK: Honourable senators, I am sure we are all very much interested in this question of enlistments.