

present war may be on active service with the naval and military forces of the British Empire and Great Britain's allies.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: This is the first we have heard of this Bill, and one would like to see what is in it, and how the powers are to be constituted.

Mr. ROGERS: If my right hon. friend has any objection, we shall be glad to let the matter stand.

Motion stands.

PROPOSED FURTHER RECRUITING.

On the Orders of the Day being called:

Mr. GERMAN: I would like to call the attention of the Government to the fact that there is rather a widespread feeling in the country among a certain class of men who are militarily disposed to know what is likely to happen in regard to the recruiting and mobilization of volunteers after the contingent that is now being mobilized at Valcartier has been sent forward to Europe. I would respectfully request the right hon. the Prime Minister to give us some information as to whether or not the Government intends to continue recruiting and mobilizing men who may choose to enlist for war purposes, either abroad or at home.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: There has not been any determination, so far as recruiting for further service abroad is concerned. Any question such as my hon. friend suggests will have to be considered and determined in accordance with events which none of us can predict. So far as the defence of Canada is concerned, the active militia will be called out from time to time to the extent that may seem necessary.

PROVISION FOR FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS.

On the Orders of the Day being called:

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I understood the other day from my right hon. friend that provision would be made for the families of those who are going to the front. So far no legislation with that end in view has been brought down, unless it is the legislation to be embodied in the Bill of my hon. friend the Minister of Public Works. Is there any other provision to be introduced?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The matter to which my right hon. friend alludes has engaged the attention of the Government to some extent. In the first place, there is

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a patriotic movement, of which the right hon. gentleman is aware, and the Bill which has been introduced to-day by the Minister of Public Works is intended to arrange for the systematic organization of that movement.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: In addition to private subscriptions to this fund, is it the intention of the Government to make any appropriation?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: We shall supplement that to any extent that may be necessary. We have not brought down any measure for the purpose up to the present time, and we are not absolutely sure that we shall bring it down this session. But it is the intention of the Government to supplement private effort in that regard, which we do not think it desirable to discourage in any way, to such extent as may be necessary to make provision for the families and dependents of those who go to the front to fight for their country in this crisis.

Sir WILFRED LAURIER: Either this session or next session?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Yes. It may be that we shall be able to deal with the matter this session. But my right hon. friend will understand that many matters have been pressing upon us.

Sir WILFRED LAURIER: Yes.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: This is not a matter that must necessarily be dealt with this session, but we would like to deal with it now if we can.

CANADA'S GIFT OF FLOUR TO BRITAIN.

On the Orders of the Day being called:

Mr. SCHAFFNER: A statement was made in one of the city newspapers yesterday and has been copied in other papers which I would like the Government either to confirm or deny. That statement was to the effect that the million bags of flour purchased by Canada for the purpose of being sent to Great Britain were purchased in the United States.

Mr. ROGERS: The purchase of one million bags of flour was made from large milling companies in Canada; the Ogilvie Milling Company, the Western Canada, the Maple Leaf, and the Western Flour Mills. It was distinctly understood with these millers that the flour to be delivered under the contract was to be made entirely of Canadian wheat, and I am satisfied that