

War Appropriation

Mr. COLDWELL: The Prime Minister does not think the work is too arduous for one individual?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I have discussed that with Colonel Biggar and I am sure that he will be able to fill both positions.

Mr. COLDWELL: I think the appointment is satisfactory; I am not complaining about that.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Who are to be the assistant directors? I know of two, but are there not more than two?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The various ministers could answer for themselves.

Mr. RALSTON: Major Yuill is telegraph and telephone censor.

Mr. MULOCK: Mr. Jolliffe is chief postal censor.

Mr. THORSON: Colonel Landry is radio broadcasting censor.

Mr. McLARTY: The press censors are Mr. Eggleston and Mr. Charpentier.

THE MINISTRY

REPRESENTATION OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

On the orders of the day:

Mr. LIGUORI LACOMBE (Laval-Two Mountains): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Is the appointment of a minister from the province of Quebec, in order to give that province its proper representation in the cabinet, still being considered by the Prime Minister?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): My hon. friend asked me that same question a few days ago, and I now give him the same answer.

WAR APPROPRIATION BILL

PROVISION FOR GRANTING TO HIS MAJESTY AID FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE AND SECURITY

The house resumed from Monday, May 4, consideration in committee of a resolution to provide sums not exceeding \$2,000,000,000 for the year ending March 31, 1943, for granting to his majesty aid for national defence and security—Mr. Ilsley—Mr. Vien in the chair.

Mr. RALSTON: Last night the question came up as to whether students of seventeen and eighteen years of age could not be permitted to take employment through the summer holidays notwithstanding the provisions of the order in council which requires a permit before they enter restricted occupations. I have procured from the director of national

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selective service the explanatory notes which have been issued by him for use by the selective service officers throughout the dominion, and I find from that, and am also told by his office that: in respect to students seeking employment during the summer holidays, the policy to be followed will be that of giving permits limited to the duration of the school, college or university holidays. If these young men are needed for munitions work they should be directed to such work rather than be allowed to enter a restricted occupation by permit. A permit should not be given to a student who normally follows agricultural pursuits—for example, a farmer's son—if he is needed on the farm. If the refusal of a permit to a student would mean that he would be prevented from securing employment the permit should be issued.

I take it that, in effect, the students of seventeen who were mentioned last night are automatically, if I may put it that way, granted a permit if they apply for it for the purpose of taking employment in the summer vacation.

Mr. BENICE: I should like to ask the minister some questions with respect to the two orders in council which have been passed governing the reconditioning of men. The first order in council, P.C. 2229, relates solely to those called up under the National Resources Mobilization Act, and the second one, P.C. 2291, refers only to men who are called up for active service. As I understand P.C. 2229, the order in council with respect to the calling up of men, it consists of two parts. The first part provides that men who have been called up under the regulations and have not been notified to report because of some physical condition which does not require remedial treatment may now be forced to report if the provision of glasses, dental treatment or nutritional improvement is all that is required. The second part of the order in council provides that where the physical condition is due to some condition that requires active remedial treatment in hospital, the men may be notified to report to the Department of Pensions and National Health and then be afforded the opportunity of taking the necessary treatment to correct existing defects.

In connection with the first part of the order in council I should like the minister to explain what is meant by the provision of glasses. There are widely different reasons for the wearing of glasses or what are more correctly called correctional lenses. Some people are helpless without these correctional