

in the dark about every feature of the war. We have no information about what is or ought to be going on, or what is not or ought not to be going on. The control of propaganda is such that the country is just blacked out, and so is unaware of the condition it is in and the way it is being governed.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It just happens that my right honourable friend is not administering the country. If he were, he would be posted from A to Z on all these details. He rises in this Chamber and starts criticizing the Government for what it has or has not done, and suggests that something is being hidden from the two branches of Parliament. Well, I have just laid on the Table a formidable array of Orders in Council, bearing for the most part on the war.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: But they have not to do with the Mobilization Act, which is what we want to know about.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: My right honourable friend knows the Minister of Finance presented a well-prepared statement to the other House—

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Even if the documents laid on the Table to-day did have to do with the Mobilization Act, no human being could read one-tenth of them before prorogation, if it should come to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: They indicate that somebody is working on the matters in which the country is most interested.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: But we cannot find out what is being done.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I could have risen in my place here and read the statements that were made in the Commons by the Minister of National Defence, the Minister for Air, the Minister of National War Services and the Minister of Munitions and Supply.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I do not want them.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: These were official statements. But I felt that my right honourable friend was following everything that occurred in the House of Commons.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: However, he may say that we are entitled to have the statements presented here. If he had asked to have that done, I should have been glad to comply with his request.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The honourable leader knows I have not asked for those

statements at all. What I want is the law which the other House and this House authorized the Governor in Council to pass under the Mobilization Act. I have a right to see that law, and to review it, but I am forbidden to do so.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I will read from now until 9 o'clock the statement by the Minister of National Defence and—

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: That would only bore me. That is not the law of the land at all, and it is the law I want.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not understand what my right honourable friend means by the law.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The regulations passed under the Mobilization Act. They are what we want, and we should have them.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Authority for making these regulations has been delegated to the Governor in Council.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The regulations should have been presented to Parliament long before this. There is no reason why we should not have had them weeks ago.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not know why something is done or not done at a certain time.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: We have been asking for the regulations for weeks.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: If the question were put to the Minister of National Defence in the other House, an answer would be made right away. But my right honourable friend fires out his questions here to one who has nothing to do with the department concerned, and he indicts the Government and the Minister because the information is not given to him at once.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: If my memory is correct, it must be at least a month ago that the honourable junior senator from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Haig) first asked for these regulations. The request has been repeated several times since, and is being made again to-day. I was told by a man who was present in the other House that the same information was asked for there, but was not given.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It is the Governor in Council who prepares these regulations.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: And keeps them hidden.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I understand the Minister of National Defence has given a