

CHAPTER II

THE WAR, 1914-1918

Entry into war; conduct of the war, including consultations with United Kingdom; formation of Canadian Expeditionary Force; war loans; war supplies; naval policy; ship-building policy; requisitioning of ships; Ministry of Overseas Military Forces in the UK; Canadian participation in Royal Flying Corps; Military Service Conventions; the Siberian Expedition; preparation for a peace conference; the Armistice.

38. *Governor General to Colonial Secretary*

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, August 1, 1914

In view of the impending danger of war involving the Empire my advisers are anxiously considering the most effective means of rendering every possible aid and they will welcome any suggestions and advice which Imperial naval and military authorities may deem it expedient to offer. They are confident that a considerable force would be available for service abroad. A question has been mooted respecting the status of any Canadian force serving abroad as under section sixty nine of Canadian Militia Act the active militia can only be placed on active service beyond Canada for the defence thereof. It has been suggested that regiments might enlist as Imperial troops for stated period, Canadian Government undertaking to make all necessary financial provision for their equipment, pay and maintenance. This proposal has not yet been maturely considered here and my advisers would be glad to have views of Imperial Government thereon.

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39. *Governor General to Colonial Secretary*

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, August 1, 1914

URGENT. My Government desire me to send you the following: My advisers while expressing their most earnest hope that peaceful solution of existing international difficulties may be achieved and their strong desire to co-operate in every possible way for that purpose, wish me to convey to His Majesty's Government the firm assurance that if unhappily war should ensue the Canadian people will be united in a common resolve to put forth every effort and to make every sacrifice necessary to ensure the integrity and maintain the honour of our Empire. . . .

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