

Mr. WHITE thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 4, to conserve the commercial and financial interests of Canada.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

DOMINION NOTES BILL.

On motion of Hon. W. T. White (Minister of Finance), the House went into committee to consider the following proposed resolution, Mr. Blondin in the Chair:

1. Resolved, that it is expedient to increase the power of issue of Dominion notes by providing that the Minister of Finance shall hold gold—

(a) to the amount of twenty-five per cent of the Dominion notes issued up to a total issue of fifty million dollars (instead of up to a total issue of thirty million dollars as heretofore);

(b) as respects Dominion notes issued in excess of fifty million dollars, equal to such excess.

2. Further resolved, that Assistant Receivers Generals' offices be established at Regina and Calgary.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

Mr. WHITE thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 5, respecting Dominion notes.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I suppose it would be better to postpone the second reading of the Bills until to-morrow?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Very well.

On motion of Sir Robert Borden, the House adjourned at 6.07 p.m.

Friday, August 21, 1914.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

WAR MEASURES BILL.

Hon. C. J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice): I beg to lay on the table the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider Bill No. 2, to confer certain powers upon the Governor in Council, and to amend the Immigration Act. I beg to move that Bill No. 2 be placed on the Order Paper for consideration in Committee of the Whole this day.

Mr. GRAHAM: Does the hon. gentleman desire to proceed with the Bill to-day?

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Mr. DOHERTY: We hope to be able to proceed with the Bill to-day. The committee has reported the Bill with certain amendments.

Motion agreed to.

THE EUROPEAN WAR.

PAPERS PRESENTED.

Hon. J. D. HAZEN laid on the table copies of Orders in Council relating to the organization of a Naval Volunteer Force, as follows:

No. P.C. 1978, dated 1st August, 1914—discipline of the Naval Volunteer Force.

No. P.C. 1979, dated 1st August, 1914—daily rate of pay.

No. P.C. 2049, dated 4th August, 1914—placing of H.M.C. ships Rainbow and Niobe, with their officers and men, at the disposal of His Majesty.

No. P.C. 2050, dated 4th August, 1914—placing of Naval Forces and Naval Volunteer Forces on active service.

No. P.C. 2072, dated 7th August, 1914—H.M.C. submarines placed at the disposal of His Majesty.

Mr. HAZEN also laid on the table:

Amendment to Radiotelegraph Regulations, under section 11 of the Radiotelegraph Act, Statutes 1913, chapter 43.

ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Mr. R. BICKERDIKE (Montreal, St. Lawrence) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 6, to amend the Criminal Code.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Hon. ROBERT ROGERS (Minister of Public Works) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 7, to incorporate the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

Mr. ROGERS: With the consent of the House I beg to move that this Bill be now read the second time.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: We have not yet had an opportunity of reading the Bill.

Mr. ROGERS: The object of the Bill is to incorporate the Canadian Patriotic Fund for the purpose of collecting, administering and distributing funds for the assistance in case of need of the wives, children and dependent relatives of officers and men who during the