

mobilized troops could be used to go overseas, but they would then be required to be replaced for Canadian purposes by calling up of further units.

6. Air Vice-Marshal Croil stated that the Royal Canadian Air Force had made no provision for an expeditionary force and that its expenditures and enlistments to date bore no relation to such a project. If an expeditionary force were to be decided upon, squadrons would have to be withdrawn from the present defence force and replaced by newly trained units.

7. Rear-Admiral Nelles stated that the programme of the Naval Service related only to the defence of Canada and Canadian coastal waters.

8. The Prime Minister said that he must be in a position to state definitely to Parliament, when it met in special session this week, that nothing had yet been done beyond providing for the defence of Canada itself.

9. The Acting Minister of Finance said that he had been approached by the Chairman of the Defence Purchasing Board concerning the immediate purchase of certain supplies urgently requisitioned by the Department of Defence, amongst which were 10,000 motor vehicles and materials for the construction of camps. He enquired whether such purchases did not imply preparation for an expeditionary force.

General Anderson replied that the items referred to by Mr. Ilsley were necessary in any event for the defence of Canada. Transport was necessary to make the troops called up mobile within this country.

10. The Minister of Mines and Resources enquired whence danger was anticipated to Canada.

General Anderson replied that it was impossible to tell. Although invasion was not now likely it could not be told when conditions might change. He admitted, however, that invasion would only be possible if the enemy obtained control of the sea.

Air Vice-Marshal Croil said that so far as the air was concerned, the only likelihood of any attack on Canada would be "an odd bomb here or there" for moral effect and to discourage Canada from sending her forces outside the country.

Rear-Admiral Nelles said that so far as the sea was concerned, there was a real danger to be anticipated to Canadian coasts, and commerce and shipping in Canadian waters. This danger might be anticipated from pocket battleships, cruisers, armed raiders and, particularly, submarines operating off Canadian harbours. The Naval services mobilized, or in contemplation, were solely for the defence of Canada from the danger of such attacks.

11. General Anderson stated that of the approximately 75,000 men now being raised for active service, 15,000 were required for coast defence, the balance being intended for reserve.