

on the head. This is the proper time to discuss this matter, and to have a proper understanding. We propose to have some little information to communicate to the people when we reach our destinations. There should be a definite understanding that the Government of the country should work in harmony, or in conjunction with this organization in such a way that there shall be no miscarriage of the objects for which the fund is created. We can understand the condition that would arise throughout this country, where there are a great many families depending on the proceeds of this fund for the support of their children, if there should be any miscarriage. I most heartily endorse what has been said in this matter. I think my hon. friend who has just spoken has rather misunderstood the matter in regard to the public service. That referred principally to the men from the Civil Service who enlisted in the contingent, and not to all who went to the front.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—My idea of the situation is similar to that of the Minister of War of Great Britain, Lord Kitchener, who, the other day, issued a proclamation to the people of Great Britain, and the empire at large, not to be too hasty in contributing to so called patriotic funds. He is a man who knows what he is talking about, and he advised the people of Great Britain and the empire to withhold these contributions until they would be required. That was issued in a declaration from the War Office. I think the Government of Canada, under present conditions, would do well to follow his advice. There is no immediate hurry to establish these funds. There may be a great necessity for these funds in one, two or three months hence. It is all very well for gentlemen of fortune, or ladies of leisure to collect funds at the present time, but they are not exactly required just yet. As Lord Kitchener says 'Reserve your money for the hard months that are coming.' That is the warning given to the people of Great Britain by the war officer, Lord Kitchener, and that warning I call to the attention of the leader of this House and the Government. It is not that I am opposed to any man contributing \$1 or \$100 to this fund, but let it be done at the proper time and place. I agree with the hon. gentleman from St. John (Hon. Mr. Daniel) that all these funds that are created in cities, towns and villages, and hamlets should be placed under the control of the Dominion Government, and, as he says, not be left to be frittered away here and there. If the

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people of this country in the cities, towns, villages, hamlets and concession roads, contribute money, that money should be under the control and supervision of responsible parties, responsible to the Dominion Government. The hon. member for St. John has made a suggestion, and I think the leader of the Government would be justified in placing before his colleagues in the Government this proposition: that all the moneys collected on patriotic grounds or otherwise, be placed in, I will not say one hand, but in the hands of a commission under Government control, so that the people will be sure that the money they give will go to the objects to which they contribute.

Hon. Mr. JAFFRAY—I think that the necessity for assistance already to some extent exists. It does not follow because the funds are collected now that they should be expended at once. I took an active part in the collection of funds at the time of the Fenian raid, and the South African war, and I think it can be said that there was never a single charge made against the committee which handled those funds that the funds were not properly applied. It would be too much to expect that you could keep up the tension which exists now, and I think now is the time to raise the funds and put them into shape, and nothing will give the people who go to the front so much confidence as to know that these funds are being raised, and that the people are prepared to see that the families of those who are going to the war are not neglected. In the Fenian raid every man who was earning wages in Toronto received from that fund five-eighths of the money he had earned for his family, and it worked out most admirably, and the funds were sufficient to meet all obligations. If there should be such a thing as an extended and prolonged war, these contributions will have to be renewed. These men who are going to the front are not going to fight for themselves but for us, and we have an obligation which we must discharge to the utmost of our ability. I do not think it is desirable that cold water should be thrown upon the present efforts. The greater the war the more urgent it is, and the better for the country that contributions should be given without delay.

Hon. Sir LYMAN MELVIN JONES—This Bill, when passed, will not necessarily merge into one control all the moneys contributed to the patriotic fund. Just as in