

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: So far as I understand, that is all regulated by statute. When they are called out for active service, the provisions of the Militia Act with regard to active service apply to them. I have never particularly examined the question, but I have no doubt that that is the rule.

ENLISTMENT AT PRINCE RUPERT.

Hon. SAM. HUGHES (Minister of Militia): I looked up the question asked yesterday by the hon. member for West Lambton (Mr. Pardee) regarding the officer formerly in command of a corps at Prince Rupert. This corps had been disbanded previous to reorganization as a regiment. The Adjutant General sent a telegram to this officer instructing him to organize a corps. Then the officer in command in British Columbia recognized that this officer was no longer in command, and consequently cancelled the order. The Adjutant General is now at Valcartier and I am not able to secure the papers, but I understand that he sent a subsequent telegram to this officer stating that the men would be taken just as any others.

THE CANADIAN MOBILIZATION.

Hon. SAM. HUGHES: A number of the members have expressed a very natural desire to visit the camp at Valcartier. The camp is rapidly approaching completion. The water was turned on the day before yesterday, five thousand troops moved in yesterday and another five thousand are coming in to-day. They have yet to be outfitted; we have to shoe them and get them into field uniforms. However, I feel safe in promising that the camp will be ready for inspection about the 1st of September, and we shall then be pleased to see any member of Parliament or any senator, and we shall endeavour to make them as comfortable as possible. We would like them to see just how things are going. We are not ashamed of anything we have to show, nor do I think there will be reason to be ashamed of anything either here or wherever the boys may go on active service.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Do I understand that there is a direct rail by the Canadian Northern from Ottawa to the camp?

Mr. SAM. HUGHES: Yes, and also over the Canadian Pacific railway. I may say that Ottawa is sending upwards of 1,200 men. Two contingents, the 43rd and the

Guards, are leaving about 4.35 this afternoon from the Central station, and I am sure the officers will be glad to see any members or senators who wish to be present.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: In the event of further Canadian troops going to the front, will the system of volunteering be continued, or will the militia be asked to go in a body?

Mr. SAM. HUGHES: I might point out that upwards of 100,000 men have already volunteered, but we are only able to take 22,000, although I am told 27,000 have got on the trains. They simply climbed on and we couldn't keep them off. So far as my own personal views are concerned, I am absolutely opposed to anything that is not voluntary in every sense, and I do not read in the law that I have any authority to ask Parliament to allow troops other than volunteers to leave the country.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: Does the Militia Department propose to assist the families of men who have enlisted and gone to the front beyond giving them their ordinary pay?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: In what way?

Mr. MACLEAN: The families of Canadian volunteers.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I have really given an answer to that on two occasions already. What I have said is this: that private effort is being directed to that end under the organization discussed in connection with the Bill before the House this morning. I think all will agree that it would be most undesirable to discourage private enterprise. I would like to see it well directed, and exerted as comprehensively and effectually as possible. I said further that if it were necessary, as probably it will be necessary, to supplement that in any way so that the families and dependents of those who have gone to the front may be provided for, the Government will be prepared to take such action as will be necessary for that purpose.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: About the beginning of the war it was stated in the press that probably our Minister of Militia would go to Europe in command of the Canadian volunteers. I should like to hear whether that is the intention of the Minister.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES: I may not express my personal views on the matter, but I think I am safe in saying that whoever commands the volunteers will have the con-