

for and confidence in not only the Minister of National Defence, but other Ministers as well. In this I agree with him.

My idea in relation to this war is the same as it was in relation to the last one. During that war I had the opportunity of sitting in the other House and listening to a great deal of criticism of the Government, and a great many explanations by the Government of what it was doing. I realized then that it was impossible to give to the people all the information they were asking for. You cannot make public all that the Government is doing in time of war.

I should have every confidence in the loyalty and ability of my right honourable friend if he were in a position to help in carrying on the war. Unfortunately for the country, perhaps, he is not. I have an outstanding respect for the present members of the Government and all who are assisting them. I believe they are doing their very best, and are capable of carrying on. I believe they are loyal. Some of us, just because we are not closely allied with them, think that something may be wrong, or that we should do differently. I believe that the Minister of National Defence, the Minister of Defence for Air, the Minister of Munitions and Supply, and all the others, with the assistance of the advisers they have about them, are doing the very best they can. In the Department of Defence, which is largely responsible for the conduct of Canada's war efforts, there are generals, colonels and other leaders advising the Government, and they are largely responsible for directing the work which is being carried on.

I did not intend to offer any affront to the honourable senator from Salcoats (Hon. Mr. Calder), but I say that the least we can do is to have confidence in those who are carrying on, and to refrain from criticizing little things, and asking for information to which we are not entitled, and which would do us no good if we had it. Instead of instilling into the public mind a sort of despondency, I say we should be optimistic. I believe we can win this war; but we can do that only if we work together and avoid indulging in carping criticism because some little things that we think should be done have not been done.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: Honourable senators, I do not think it is proper that whenever our leader on this side (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen) criticizes the Government for what is or is not being done he should be told that he is critical only because he is not in power. We all have a perfect right to urge upon the Government that more men be trained and

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sent overseas as speedily as possible, regardless of what we are told the British Government says. It should be obvious to every honourable senator that there is no other reply England could make than that she has men enough. If I were conducting a battle out here and hollered for help immediately it started, that certainly would not make a good impression. I repeat it is perfectly obvious that England could not say anything but that she has enough men. And we, as a partner, ought to be proceeding with our war efforts faster than we are.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Honourable senators, early this afternoon I asked a question which apparently stirred up a good deal of criticism. However, I still have no answer to the question. When I return to the part of the country in which I live, I want to be able to say that such and such are the regulations under the Mobilization Act, and that the policy of the Government is this and that. I think that my people out there would consider me a very stupid fellow if, when I went home, I said: "I do not know anything about the regulations. You read the papers; so you know more than I do."

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Has my honourable friend not read the statement of the Minister of National Defence?

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I put that question to my honourable friend.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Yes, I have. But the trouble is that the Minister's statement does not give the details about the regulations, and that is the information I want. I saw in one newspaper that single men from 21 to 24 would be called up first. I believe that statement was made on the authority of Hon. Mr. Gardiner, the Minister of National War Services. But somebody else said the call would be limited this year to single men of 21 and 22, and that no married men would be called until a year hence.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Is my honourable friend familiar with all the information given in the speech by Hon. Mr. Ralston, the Minister of National Defence?

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I heard most of it myself from the gallery of the other House. The greater part of what he said dealt with what the Government has been doing. The thing I am interested in is what it is going to do in future.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: He told about that.