

General would proceed to the Senate Chamber this day at four o'clock for the purpose of proroguing the present session of Parliament.

WAR CONTRIBUTIONS OF PROVINCES.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: My hon. friend from Rouville (Mr. Lemieux) made inquiry about communications from provincial governments with regard to proposed assistance to be given by them to the Government or people of the mother country. Two official communications have been received by the Government. One is from the province of Alberta stating the intention of that province to make a gift of 500,000 bushels of oats, and another is from the Province of Nova Scotia advising us that the contribution of that province would be 100,000 tons of coal. We have observed in the press the statement that the province of Quebec proposes to make a gift of 4,000,000 lbs. of cheese. No additional communication with regard to that has been brought to my attention. I have no doubt that it will be, in due course. We have also had informal notice that the province of British Columbia proposes to make a gift, but I am not yet advised as to the exact nature of the assistance it desires to offer. Hon. gentlemen will have observed that the Premier of Ontario has made a communication to the press intimating that that province also proposes to offer assistance. We have not yet had official communication with regard to Ontario, British Columbia or Quebec.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

On motion of Hon. Robert Rogers, Bill No. 7, to incorporate the Canadian Patriotic Fund, was read the second time, and the House went into Committee thereon, Mr. Blondin in the Chair.

On section 2—list of incorporators:

Mr. PUGSLEY: I would suggest to my hon. friend that the personnel of this corporation is not sufficiently extended nor is it thoroughly representative of the whole Dominion of Canada. Another objection is that the premiers of the several provinces are by name made members of the corporation. As to the Lieutenant-Governors, I see that special provision is made in the Bill in case of change in that office. In the same way I think that the section should make the premiers of the several provinces for the time being members of the Corporation. They are made members of the corporation because they are prem-

iers, and when one of these gentlemen ceases to be premier his successor in the premiership should take his place in this corporation. I observe also that the office of the corporation is to be in the city of Ottawa. Necessarily, therefore, it is in Ottawa that the principal executive work will be done. And yet the number of gentlemen belonging to the city of Ottawa who are included in this list is very limited. One could recall to mind many representative gentlemen living in Ottawa who might very properly be members of the corporation. There is also a marked omission in this list. One gentleman in Canada has contributed half a million to this fund, and yet his name is not included here. I think that the list of names should be very thoroughly revised, and my hon. friend ought to consider whether the number ought not to be enlarged in accordance with the suggestions I have made.

Mr. ROGERS: I am sure it is the desire of everybody who has had anything to do with this proposed Bill to make its provisions with regard to the names of incorporators as wide as possible, and to add any names which it would be desirable to include. There is no objection to the hon. gentleman's suggestion with regard to the premiers of the several provinces. When we come to that clause which provides for the case of the termination of the term of office of a lieutenant governor, we shall be glad to amend it to meet the hon. gentleman's suggestion. With respect to Mr. Ross, of course there is no name in Canada that it would be more desirable to place on the list than his. He has made a very handsome contribution indeed. Of course, his contribution does not go directly to this particular fund; nevertheless there would be no objection so far as I know to his name being added to this list.

Mr. H. H. McLEAN (Sunbury and Queens, N.B.): I am sure that the names mentioned in section 2 are those of representative men of the Dominion. But I would call the attention of the Minister of Public Works and of the Prime Minister to some of the general provisions of the Bill. We all agree that this Act should be broad enough and should be put in such a condition that the objects of incorporation may be effectually worked out. Very large sums of money will be placed in the hands of this corporation. It was stated yesterday by the right hon. the Prime Minister that the Government proposed to supplement the amount subscribed