

Parliament can get copies of this statement; but if they are to be of service, there should be some systematic method of general distribution, amongst the public, as far as the copies will go.

Mr. ROWELL: The view of the Government is in the first place to make as many copies available to members of the House as they desire to send out to their constituents, then to place large numbers at the disposal of the War Veterans' Association for the purpose of distribution amongst all the War Veterans' Associations throughout Canada. There are some 400,000 returned soldiers in Canada, and it was thought that the copies which the members would desire to send out, plus the quantity the War Veterans would desire to have, would probably absorb the greater number, but the Government would be glad to have any other suggestions as to distribution. I may say, so as to prevent any misunderstanding, that on checking over one of the statements, it was found that an increase of 20 per cent had been made recently in one of the countries referred to, and the revised figures will therefore be given in Revised Hansard, and in the copies printed for distribution.

This will make the comparative statement more easily understood than by adding a note at the bottom of the statement.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Are French copies being printed?

Mr. ROWELL: Some will be printed in French, and I shall be glad to consult with my hon. friend as to the number.

Mr. CANNON: Has there been a demand for such a large number of copies, and if so, from whom?

Mr. ROWELL: There has been a demand for a large number, and it was considered that 500,000 would probably be required.

Mr. VIEN: A demand from the Great War veterans?

Mr. ROWELL: The War Veterans and members of the House have asked for copies.

Motion agreed to.

THE PEACE TREATY.

DOCUMENTS LAID ON THE TABLE ORDERED PRINTED.

Hon. C. J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice) moved:

That 1,000 copies of the documents laid before the House on the 2nd instant relating to the Treaty of Peace and being Sessional Papers Nos. 41, 41a, 41b, 41c, 41d, 41e be printed

forthwith in French for Sessional Papers and for distribution, and that Rule 74 be suspended in relation thereto.

He said: These are the papers I moved to print the other day. The French copies had already been printed, but authorization for their printing was not included in that motion. It is necessary that this motion should be passed in order to constitute the authorization for that printing which was done in advance.

Motion agreed to.

COVENANT OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. WITH OFFICIAL COMMENTARY.

Hon. N. W. ROWELL: I beg to lay on the Table the Covenant of the League of Nations with the official commentary issued thereon by way of explanation by the British Empire Parliamentary Delegation following the Peace Conference. The Commentary was drafted, I believe, by General Smuts and Lord Robert Cecil. It also contains the interpretation of Article IV which the Minister of Public Works read to the House on the 8th September, signed by M. Clemenceau, Mr. Woodrow Wilson, and Mr. Lloyd George. A number of communications have been received by the Government asking for copies of the Covenant of the League of Nations, and particularly for copies of the explanatory statement which had been issued. The Government considers it desirable that a quantity should be printed and be available for distribution to all who desire them, because it is important that the Covenant of the League of Nations should be understood by all the people. I was going to ask the House to consent to the printing of, say, 10,000 copies. I should be glad to have any suggestion from my hon. friend as to the number which should be printed in English and French respectively; perhaps 8,000 and 2,000 respectively would be satisfactory.

Mr. D. D. McKENZIE: I do not quite understand what the minister means by the explanatory statements. Does he mean the speeches which were made in this House?

Mr. ROWELL: No. When the British Government issued as a Parliamentary Paper the Covenant of the League of Nations it was accompanied by an explanatory statement referring to the various articles of the Covenant. The explanatory statement contains very interesting and informing comments by the men largely