

and, apart from his own business as a lumberman, he is well known as a director of a bank and of other concerns. I think most people in Canada who know him will be quite satisfied to have Sir George Perley as an agent in London representing the business interests of this country.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I think the orders placed in this country by the French Government are larger than is generally imagined. Up to last summer they had placed orders for 453,200 army blankets; 15,000 complete sets of saddlery, 15,000 supply blankets, 5,000 complete sets of saddlery, 5,000 supply blankets, 9 p.m. 20,000 sets of artillery harness, 20,000 long driving boots, 20,000 supply blankets. Then the Russian Government, I know, placed an order on one occasion for 20,000 sets of saddlery. I think there were other orders, but I cannot recall at the moment what they were.

Mr. PUGSLEY: What would the total amount of these orders be?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I really could not tell my hon. friend accurately; it would amount to several million dollars.

Mr. COPP: I notice that in reading the items supplied by Canada to the British Government, the Prime Minister referred particularly to harness and saddlery. Can he inform me whether any of these articles are being supplied by Canada now for the British Government; that is, harness, saddlery and things of that nature?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I cannot say whether there are any outstanding orders for the British Government.

Mr. COPP: Will the Prime Minister get the information and let me know; I have an inquiry on the point?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The Minister of Trade and Commerce is more intimately acquainted with these matters, but I will ascertain and let my hon. friend know. I am reminded by the hon. member for Frontenac (Mr. Edwards) that the Russian Government placed a considerable order for locomotives, and a large order for cars also. I hope that hon. gentlemen will realize that for those orders which have come to Canada, Sir George Perley is entitled to a great deal of credit, for he has worked very hard and assiduously to procure them through the representatives of the various governments, and also through the Foreign office. I do not think my hon.

friend from South Renfrew was in the House when I stated that the staff of Sir George Perley was more efficient than some hon. gentlemen seemed to realize. I also stated that when I was in London I told Sir George Perley that we were prepared to give him any additions to his staff, or any organization that he might think was necessary; and he told me that he did not think that any additions were necessary then. Whether his judgment was mistaken in that regard I do not know, but I have a good deal of confidence in his judgment on such matters. My hon. friend from South Renfrew, rather deprecated the idea of the Prime Minister of this country taking up such matters. I do not agree with him in that at all, because I can assure him, from my knowledge of how those matters are dealt with on the other side, that it is of some importance to this country that the Prime Minister should show such an interest in matters of that kind as would bring them to the attention not only of the ministers but of the permanent officials of the British Government. I am thoroughly convinced that the efforts which have been made directly by myself in that regard have not been thrown away—I will not say more than that. My hon. friend can take my assurance that the labour has not all been in vain.

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Mr. PUGSLEY: Now that we are getting down to business in connection with the Estimates, I would like to point out to my right hon. friend what seems to me to be a great anomaly in the Estimates which have been presented to the committee. These are supposed to be estimates of the requirements of the Government for the coming year, and as submitted to the House, they amount to \$188,981,218.58. In the Budget speech, my hon. friend the Minister of Finance (Sir Thomas White) made the statement that the total estimated requirements of the coming year would be only \$160,000,000, there being nearly \$29,000,000 in these printed estimates beyond the amount which the Finance Minister said would be required for the coming year. Does my right hon. friend think he is treating Parliament right when he brings down printed estimates for the very large amount of nearly \$30,000,000 more than the Finance Minister says will be required to carry on the public services? That is the first point which I make: these Estimates ought to be revised, and there should be submitted to this commit-