

'regarding proposals, but all were supposed to be secret. Will
'enquire fully. Hope definite suggestions will be ready to-morrow.'
'To which on the same day I sent the following reply :

'Cable received. Greatly surprised that composition of pro-
'posed Overseas Council is announced in press this morning. Hope
'you can return immediately. Kindly cable date.'
'And on the 11th September I received a further cable message from
'you as follows :

'Purpose returning about end of month, my work here not
'completed before. Know nothing whatever about our own com-
'position (?) of proposed council and cannot understand your pecu-
'liar message. Report on proposed council mailed you. Question
'of salary or rank never once raised by any officer. Absolutely
'understand nothing settled until approved by Order-in-Council.
'Leaving now for week inspection timber camps at various points.
'Absent about week.'

Sir Sam Ignored Instructions and Appointed Sub-Militia Council.

'It would appear that the reorganization alluded to in these various
'messages was actually put in operation before you left Great Britain,
'although authority in council has not been obtained therefor. This is by
'no means in accordance with the arrangements made in the correspond-
'ence above quoted.

'I have read your letter with care and it does not seem to me that
'the proposals which you outline are practicable; thus I regret that I
'cannot concur in them. The control and direction of a Minister actually
'on the spot seem to me highly important for the reasons which were
'indicated in my letters of the 18th and 26th instant.

'Yours faithfully,

'(Signed), R. L. BORDEN.

'Lieut. Gen. The Hon. Sam Hughes, K.C.B., Minister of Militia, Ottawa.'

DIFFERS WITH PREMIER.

Ottawa, November 1, 1916.

'Dear Sir Robert :—

'In reply to your memorandum of October 31st ultimo, permit me in
'brief to summarize.

Sir Sam Wanted to Retain Control.

'I do recall my visit to Great Britain in the autumn of 1914. I did
'expect both under the statutory law of Britain and under the law of
'common courtesy, that I would have been permitted to exercise some
'control and direction' over our gallant Canadian boys, in the way of
'organization.

Sir Geo. Perley Thought British Government Should
Have Control of Canadian Soldiers.

'But there had evidently been some communication to the effect that
'control and direction' of this magnificent force should be under the
'British Government direct. The then Mr. George Perley, Acting High
'Commissioner, implied such in the following words: 'You do not pretend
'surely to have anything to do with the Canadian soldiers in Britain.'

'Further, Sir Robert, I spoke to you on my return and told you the
'circumstances, both then and subsequently. You, yourself, know that
'last year you took occasion to speak to Sir George Perley concerning the
'matter. The treatment he accorded me after this was the only respect-
'able or courteous treatment he ever gave me.

Sub-Militia Council.

'Regarding the consultative Sub-Militia Council. It has only been
'tentatively formed. My way of doing things is to obtain results, not
'necessarily the creation of bodies organized by Order-in-Council. As
'everyone knows, what may seem workable in theory does not so turn out
'in practice.