

"The House voted a sum of \$2,000 for the expense of an expert to represent Canada on the Bureau of Mineral Resources in London. Mr Lapointe (Kamouraska) remarked that this Bureau had been created following recommendations made by the last Imperial Conference. "Other resolutions of the Conference" said Mr Lapointe "were in my humble judgment far from commendable. I fear that some people, some groups, or some organizations are simply taking advantage of the war to promote their interests and their ambitions to the detriment of the common welfare or to prepare a condition from which they will seek to derive an advantage after the war. There is a tendency to consider the resources of Canada as belonging to England. Our resources are national assets and should be considered as such."

"At this point Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux spoke. He regretted that the Prime Minister was not in his seat as he had desired to ask him what attitude he intended to take at the Imperial Conference. Mr Borden had promised to give to the House and to the Canadian people an outline of the declarations he intended to make concerning Canada. It was the duty of the Canadian delegates to pronounce themselves on certain features of the war policy and even of the policy to be followed after the war by the Mother country. It was known that England wished to develop its naval and military policy and this would necessitate considerable sums of money. I believe, said Mr Lemieux, that they should be authorized by the government of the country to take an attitude.

"We are proud to be part of the British Empire" added the member for Malouine, "but a large number of Canadians, with me, cannot see without a feeling of fear the agitation of the Round Table clubs and others who devote all their time to the preparation of new Imperial constitutions."

"We are strongly of opinion that our representatives should cooperate to the utmost with the Imperial authorities in the carrying on of the war but it is our duty to warn them against an infatuation that would make them lose sight of the interests of Canada."