

George Perley (haut-commissaire par intérim à Londres) au Premier ministre Robert Borden

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George Perley (Acting High Commissioner, London) to Prime Minister Robert Borden

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Telegram

London, August 8, 1914

Had interview this morning with Kitchener who wishes personally and on behalf of War Office express his very grateful and sincere thanks for Canada's splendid offer troops.

Hopes you can send him full division of twenty to twenty five thousand.

Says he can use all you think best to send. His appointment as Minister War has given highest satisfaction.

Perley

Telegram

London, April 23, 1917

Robert Borden
à George Foster

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to George Foster

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[For] Foster. Arriving in London on the afternoon of February 22nd, I was immediately called into consultation with the British Government respecting important matters including certain questions connected with the submarine campaign and from that day to the present my colleagues and I have been most actively and insistently engaged in the duties for which we crossed the Atlantic. On account of the delay in arrival of the representatives from the other Dominions, we did not begin the formal meetings of the War Conference as soon as anticipated but in the meantime we attended the War Cabinet, took up important questions with various departments of the British Government and visited the troops in France and at Shorncliffe, as well as many hospitals. Matters of importance in connection with the Canadian Expeditionary Force were also necessarily discussed with Sir George Perley during this period which was also utilized in examining at the offices of the War Cabinet documents and reports connected with the subjects which were to come under consideration. I have visited all the important camps in England except that at Hastings which I hope to see before my return and everywhere I found the troops in excellent physical condition undergoing efficient training and in fine spirit. The great achievement of Canadians in capturing Vimy Ridge which had been unsuccessfully attacked on several occasions has aroused a universal tribute of admiration not only in the United Kingdom but in France and Italy. The conditions in all hospitals which I visited were excellent and I have not heard a single complaint from any of the wounded or convalescent. The deliberations of the Imperial War Cabinet are of course secret but I may say that we have had continually under consideration matters of vital importance touching the prosecution of the war, the co-operation of the allied nations therein, the effect necessary to achieve victory, the terms upon which peace may be made and exceedingly important questions as to reconstruction after the war including the conversation, development and utilization of the natural resources of the Empire and the safeguards to be adopted against the economic war which Germany intends to wage after the cessation of hostilities. Questions which have arisen with neutral nations by reason of the submarine campaign and otherwise additional precautions rendered necessary by submarine activities, the provision of tonnage by construction and purchase and necessary restrictions of imports to provide for requisite food supply of the United Kingdom and allied nations have also been under discussion. In fact almost every question connected with the prosecution of the war has been brought under consideration at one or other of the vari-