

able between the ages of twenty and forty-five, is it intended to give the numbers in different classes, or only the total?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Some of the information we shall give to the House may relate to each of the different classes, but other information that we may be able to furnish possibly will not be so detailed but may embrace two, three or four classes. We will do the best we can in every case.

Mr. MURPHY: In connection with the information the hon. gentleman is to lay on the Table, showing how many men are available between twenty and forty-five, will the Prime Minister be good enough to include a statement of the number of these men who have actually enlisted?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: We will endeavour to do so.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: By your leave, Mr. Speaker, I desire to ask one more question. Through the courtesy of my right hon. friend (Sir Robert Borden) I received a copy of the Bill which he has just introduced. But, as between this copy and the Bill which has just been distributed, I find some discrepancies. For instance, in the schedule; in the Bill given me by my right hon. friend there are eight sections, but in the Bill which has been distributed there are only seven. I call the attention of my right hon. friend to this, so that we may have before us a correct copy of the Bill.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: It may be that I have sent to my right hon. friend a previous print.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: But I am not quite sure which is the correct one.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: In the schedule to the Bill there are seven sections.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: So, the last one I have is the correct one. All right.

Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time.

SIR JULIAN BYNG.

On the Orders of the Day:

Sir SAM HUGHES: I observe by the press of the country that a despatch has been issued stating that Sir Julian Byng has ceased to be in command of the Canadian troops at the front. I desire to ask if this is true, and, if so, whether one of our Canadian officers is going to succeed him.

Sir EDWARD KEMP (Minister of Militia): I also read the despatch in the morning paper. I expect to have an explanation to-morrow or next day. I have made inquiries, but have not received information up to the present.

PURCHASE OF CHEESE BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. E. W. NESBITT (North Oxford): I desire to ask a question of the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Burrell). Has the hon. gentleman had any protest from the central and western parts of Ontario with reference to the order of the commission for the purchase of cheese, that this cheese is to be weighed and inspected at Montreal, and not in the warehouse in the West? I have received several protests, which, the writers say, they have sent also to the minister. I should like to know if he has received these protests and what he purposes doing about the matter.

Hon. MARTIN BURRELL (Minister of Agriculture): This matter has been drawn to my attention. I would remind my hon. friend (Mr. Nesbitt) that the inspection which formerly took place at western points was really an inspection between the buyer and the seller, but in the present case the British representatives on the commission are buying the cheese f.o.b. Montreal. I have had one or two representations on the lines referred to, and I have turned them over to the commissioners who have offices in Montreal, and who, I am certain, will give to these matters the fullest, fairest consideration, with a view to devising the best regulations and methods for the interests both of the purchaser and of the shipper.

Hon. CHARLES MURPHY (Russell): The Minister of Agriculture last week was kind enough to give information in answer to an inquiry based on information furnished by some constituents of mine whom the hon. gentlemen himself represented as among the most important cheese manufacturers in Canada. I am in receipt of a further letter asking for information. It is pointed out that the price fixed for the cheese, as my hon. friend, I think, stated to the House, last week, is 24½ cents f.o.b. ship, Montreal. My correspondents allege that there must be taken from that price 1½ cents for manufacturing, and a further small fractional sum paid to the wholesaler, and that being deducted would make the