

he entered upon the work, that fall and winter would be spent by him in England and the present year largely in Europe unless his political obligations necessitated a return to Canada in the interval. A visit to Australia and New Zealand was also mentioned as the next probable step. But for the war in Europe this is the program which would in all probability have been followed.

(c) It was on the understanding that the investigation was to be international in character and scope, and not with special reference to any one country, that Mr. King consented to undertake the direction of it, and that the trustees felt it was a matter of indifference whether his headquarters were in Canada or the United States, and were prepared, when he finally consented to direct the investigation, to allow him to continue in Canadian public life, on the understanding that such time as he might give to politics would mean a pro rata sacrifice voluntarily incurred so far as remuneration of his services by the Foundation was concerned. In Mr. King's desire to remain in public life whilst directing this important work, and their willingness to have him do so, the trustees felt they were giving to the public the best guarantee that could be afforded of their desire to render only a public service in undertaking this work, and in having it discharged in a manner which would assure a due regard to the public welfare and interests. As a matter of fact, it was Mr. King's known reputation as a man who has always laid emphasis on the rights of the public in controversial problems dealing with capital and labor that led to his advice being sought in the first instance.