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seized and shall be liable to forfeiture; that penalties may be imposed for violations of such legislation; that no person held for deportation or under arrest or detention as an alien enemy or upon suspicion, or to prevent his departure from Canada, shall be released upon bail or otherwise discharged or tried without the consent of the Minister of Justice, and that every order and warrant made or issued by any minister under such legislation, or Order in Council, or regulation thereunder, shall be conclusive evidence of all statements and matters therein made or contained, and no court or judge shall inquire into or make any order in respect thereto.

5. That the Immigration Act be amended to provide that no resident of Canada who leaves Canada to perform any military or other service for any country then at war with His Majesty, or for the purpose of aiding or abetting in any way His Majesty's enemies, shall be permitted to land in Canada, or remain therein, except with the permission of the Minister.
6. That, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8 of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Act, Revised Statutes 1906, chapter 91, the Governor in Council may from time to time authorize the appointment of such number of constables, supernumerary constables, scouts and boys, in addition to the numbers limited by the said section, as he thinks necessary—Mr. Doherty, 20.

Doherty, Hon. C. J. (Minister of Justice)—20.

At the outbreak of this unfortunate war, as was, indeed, to be expected, we found ourselves in a position where our laws, made for the general welfare in times of peace, were not absolutely adequate to give clear legal authority for many measures of the very first necessity to be taken in view of the existing conditions. Some steps had to be taken before this house could be gathered together which were beyond any express legal authorization. In this resolution and the Bill that is proposed to be based upon it, you will find that it is provided that such steps so taken shall be ratified. The steps that are proposed to be ratified are such as, if the proposed legislation had been in force, would have been authorized by it, 20. After the most eloquent and patriotic address of the right hon. leader of the Opposition, I feel that I may say that we can with perfect confidence submit this measure to the consideration and for the action of this House. I may add that of course we shall be glad of any suggestions which may be given tending to improve it in form or in substance. We are not wedded to the precise terms of any particular provision of this measure, and all we seek in laying it before the House is to have the sanction of this House to our doing the best that is in us under these trying circumstances for our common country, 21. I realize fully the gravity of the disposition which my hon. friend has read, and I may say

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that it is only after giving it very serious consideration that we have put it forward. But still we shall be glad to have the benefit of its further consideration by a special committee, 22.

Pugsley, Hon. Wm. (St. John City)—21.

The Minister of Justice very properly invited criticism or suggestions in respect to the matter, and I am sure he will pardon me if I call attention to a provision in this resolution which I think requires very careful consideration and very strong reasons to be given for its adoption. That is section 4. Section 4 really suspends the Habeas Corpus Act. It does not say that in words, but that is its effect. That resolution strikes at the dearest liberties of a British subject. It may be that the occasion has arisen which demands such extraordinary legislation. I think it will be incumbent upon my hon. friend to show the committee that such occasion has arisen, and that in the interests of Canada and of the Empire this extraordinary enactment should be made, 21-2.

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House in Committee on Bill No. 2—Mr. Doherty—51.

Borden, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert (Prime Minister)—51.

It is thought that all necessary powers are covered by the Bill, 51.

Macdonald, E. M. (Pictou)—51.

I would like to know whether this Bill contains power to deal with certain matters which some business men in the country have been discussing namely, the position of patents held in Canada by citizens of Germany, Austria or any other country with which Great Britain may be at war, 51.

WAYS AND MEANS—THE BUDGET.

Announcement of Motion—Mr. White—3.

Lawrie, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)—3.

There can be no objection to my hon. friend making his statement to-morrow, 3.

White, Hon. W. T. (Minister of Finance)—3.

Announces intention of moving House into Committee of Ways and Means to-morrow, 3.

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Motion for Committee of Ways and Means—Mr. White—23.

Clark, Michael (Red Deer)—39.

War as viewed from some of its angles is a temporary triumph and prevalence of the abnormal, and it is quite in keeping with that thought that we should have had the shortest Budget speech on record. I shall endeavour to live in harmony with that speech by making my observations as