

76. *Acting High Commissioner to Prime Minister*

TELEGRAM

London, September 29, 1914

Suggestion that Imperial Government might avail themselves proposals made for further enlistments in Canada does not appeal to me. No doubt they would welcome more men but believe they would find it impossible give Canadian rates pay. Consider this course would be mistake from Canadian point view, as what we have done has produced splendid impression here and it would be difficult explain reason why Canada was not providing and paying for these additional soldiers. As we have started paying all expenses for troops feel strongly we should do same for all that may come from Canada. Think no more should come than we can manage pay for ourselves. Personally don't believe you should be deterred by financial considerations from sending more men and paying their expenses as think can arrange with Imperial Government get further advances whatever sums required for such purpose. Please give this further consideration before having me discuss it with Government here. Will postpone asking for further loan until this question settled. Advise White.

PERLEY

77. *Colonial Secretary to Governor General*

TELEGRAM

London, October 2, 1914

Your telegram September 25th. Your Ministers can rely on our bearing carefully in mind the possibilities of Canada as a source of supply of materials for war purposes and on our taking full advantage of them as occasion arises. Perley is in personal communication with War Office and in addition correspondence is taking place between War Office and Militia Department.

HARCOURT

78. *Order in Council*

P.C. 2477

October 3, 1914

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a report, dated September 28, 1914, from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for External Affairs, inviting the attention of Your Royal Highness to the fact that the military authorities are constantly receiving requests from subjects of various countries of Europe—Belgium, Russia, Servia, etc., resident in Canada, volunteering for service, and in this connection the Minister also refers to a secret telegraphic despatch dated the 9th September, 1914, from His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington, intimating that many Poles in the United States are anxious to go to Canada to enlist in a British force.

The Minister, with reference to these offers, represents that although the Canadian Government could not undertake to equip these volunteers they could despatch them in parties to Europe, provided that their respective