

9. Canadians are not merely to renounce control of their own assets for the benefit of "the Empire as a whole, "but they are "to conserve for the Allied countries, before all others, their natural resources during the whole period of commercial, industrial, agricultural and maritime reconstruction; and for this purpose they undertake to establish special arrangements to facilitate the interchange of these resources"

10. Canada is pledged to all the Allies

"to adopt a common economic policy in the lines laid down in the resolutions which have been passed."

She is

"to facilitate the organization on a permanent basis of their economic alliance" (a).

(a) *Proof of all the above statements may be seen in Kingdom Paper No. 21 at pp. 268, 269, 316, 328, 333, 334, 337, 338, 352, 353, 365. The Paper was recently published by McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart, Toronto.*

LONDON INFLUENCE.—Why we have conscription is now very clear. Had Sir Robert remained in Canada, his imperialism would have continued to be tempered and modified by Canadian atmosphere. In England it ran wild. In Canada he would never have used the language or agreed to any of the schemes above catalogued. In England they appeared to him not only justifiable, but appropriate and necessary. I put it to him: Had he remained in Canada, would he have agreed that Canadian resources should be regarded as "Imperial Resources"? Would he have agreed to the establishment of the "Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau"? Would he have agreed to the utilization of Canadian resources as an imperial bargaining factor? Would he have agreed to the adoption of "a common economic policy with all the Allies"? Most undoubtedly he would not. But he did all those things while he was in England.

And it was while he was in England that he determined to introduce conscription. Had he remained at Ottawa, the fatal speech of June 11 would not have been made. He would have been reminded by his colleagues (if indeed he could have overlooked it) that the United States man-reservoir had overrun the possibilities of transportation. He would have been reminded of the embarrassing shortage of labor in Canada. He would have been reminded that the United Kingdom and the Allies depended very largely upon Canada for production. And in Canadian environment he could not not have failed to appreciate the disrupting consequences of a sudden