

Highness had made all arrangements to leave Canada at the conclusion of his extended term of office on the 22nd October, but, with the high sense of duty which has always actuated him, he has placed himself at the disposal of His Majesty for this purpose.

Mr. GRAHAM: The people of Canada will hear this announcement with great gratification and satisfaction. The ripe military experience coupled with the dual knowledge of His Royal Highness the Governor General of conditions in the old land and in our own will make his presence in this part of His Majesty's dominions during the trying period through which we are now passing most gratifying and reassuring to the people.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

#### APPOINTMENT TO LAW BRANCH.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN moved:

That the recommendation of His Honour the Speaker of the House as to the appointment of Mr. John T. Dunn to fill a vacancy in subdivision B of the second division in the Law Branch of the House of Commons, and the appointment as made by the Governor in Council during the recess of Parliament, be ratified and confirmed.

He said: The appointment is made under the Civil Service Act, all the requirements of the Act having been complied with.

Motion agreed to.

#### CANADIANS IN EUROPE.

On the Orders of the Day being called:

Mr. GRAHAM: What steps have the Government taken for the relief of Canadians who are stranded in Great Britain or on the continent of Europe through being unable to get passage home at the present time?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I think that the correspondence brought down contains some information with regard to that. A great many inquiries and applications have come to the Government for the purpose of obtaining information as to Canadians who are somewhere on the continent of Europe and as to whose whereabouts and condition information cannot be obtained by their friends and relatives. We have endeavoured to systematize the dealing with these applications. They have been placed in charge of Sir Joseph Pope, Under Secretary of State for External Affairs. Wherever it has seemed necessary or desirable, he has communicated by cable with Mr. Perley in

regard to a number of cases or in regard to individual cases as occasion might demand. In addition to that, we have informed Mr. Perley that the Government would be prepared to place £20,000 at his disposal in order to relieve such persons, under such conditions as to repayment or otherwise as he may determine, believing that he, being upon the spot, will be better able to judge as to these matters than we can possibly be at this distance.

#### WAR CONTRIBUTIONS OF PROVINCES.

Mr. LEMIEUX: May I ask the right hon. the Prime Minister if he can inform the House of the various contributions which have been made by the different provincial governments, and the nature of those contributions, to the Imperial authorities?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I think there is one which is about being made, or perhaps will be made in the early future, as to which I have not exact information. I heard something of it to-day, but I am not prepared to make a definite statement. If my hon. friend will permit the matter to remain until to-morrow, I shall endeavour then to give all the information in the possession of the Government.

#### THE EUROPEAN WAR.

##### THE BUDGET—TARIFF CHANGES.

Hon. W. T. WHITE (Minister of Finance) moved that the House go into Committee of Ways and Means. He said:

I shall preface the introduction of the fiscal measures which I have to propose to the House by a brief statement of the financial position of the Dominion, and of the new situation, as it presents itself to me, with which we are confronted as a result of the outbreak of war.

Owing to widespread financial and economic conditions, to which I referred at length in my Budget speech of April, our revenues since September last have shown a marked decline. During the first four months of the present fiscal year, April, May, June and July, we have experienced a reduction, as compared with the same four months of the previous fiscal year, of over ten million dollars.

In consequence of a general increase in commercial activity, due to easier money conditions, a marked improvement became perceptible about the end of July. The extent of this improvement is reflected in the returns of the first ten days of August,