

FORMAL NOTICE OF CENSORSHIP IS ISSUED FOR CANADA

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—After a cabinet council meeting this afternoon, the following statement was issued by the government:

"In conformity with similar actions taken in other parts of the empire, including the United Kingdom, a censorship of cable and wireless messages have been established in Canada. Its object is to prevent the dissemination in other countries of news which might be used to the disadvantage of the empire, and especially Canada, in certain contingencies. There is no desire or intention to interfere with the private concerns of bona fide residents of the Dominion, and the provision is designed solely for the national safety. In order to insure this, it is necessary that the censors should be able to read and understand the messages in transmission and satisfy themselves as to their character. Senders of private messages in plain language will experience little or no inconvenience from the censorship. Further information can be obtained from the officer to whom the duty of censorship has been entrusted. Manner C. Hamilton, deputy chief censor, has his headquarters at militia headquarters, Ottawa."

The censorship is not intended to compel all messages to be submitted to Ottawa before they can be allowed to go. The government is placing men in each of the cable and wireless stations on the Atlantic and Pacific coast who will look over all messages before they are sent. Any code messages will be stopped, but there is no intention of holding up news messages written in plain English or other cable business. Messages will also be censored at the receiving stations in England and France.