

# HON R ROGERS IN WINNIPEG

## Puts Quietus on Idle Rumors in Western Press

Winnipeg, June 6.—Hon. Robt. Rogers arrived in Winnipeg today and in the course of a brief interview said that politics in any shape or form had nothing to do with his trip west. He said that he would accompany Colonel Ruttañ to Sewell Camp some day this week for the purpose of inspecting the troops there, and would go on to Brandon to look over the internment camp. He will return to Ottawa in the course of a few days.

Asked with regard to the story circulating throughout Canada that he would go to London as Canadian High Commissioner, Mr. Rogers said that there was nothing in it. "Sir George Perley will retain his post till the end of the war," he said.

The minister was shown the statement of Winnipeg labor leaders which was published yesterday, with regard to the Western shell contracts, and charging that representatives of the British Government who are in Canada to secure mechanics are being frustrated in their object by officials of the Government. He did take time to read the article, stating it was all newspaper talk. So far as the Government was concerned, there had been no discrimination shown in the distribution of shell contracts. The West was treated equitably with the East. "Ask Mr. Deacon and he will tell you that this is so," he replied.

With regard to the British representatives who are in Canada, Mr. Rogers said that the Government was giving them all possible assistance to secure mechanics to be used on the manufacture of shells in Great Britain. He stated that he personally met Mr. Barnes, one of these representatives, and advised him to come to Winnipeg and Western Canada in his search for men. He could not understand what foundation there was for the charges of the labor men.