

ALL PATRONAGE LISTS DROPPED

War Purchasing Commission
to Control All Purchases—
Will be Enlarged

TO FIND NEW CHAIRMAN

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Ottawa, Oct. 24.—The decision of the new Union Government announced to-day to destroy and abolish department patronage lists, and to delegate all purchasing to the War Purchasing Commission, will necessitate a change and an enlargement of the latter body. The present head of the Commission is Sir Edward Kemp, and the other members are Messrs. George F. Galt and H. Laporte. Sir Edward is going to England, however, and a new head must be found, together with possibly two additional members. It was stated that a prominent Liberal will be found for Chairman of the Commission. Other prominent Liberal appointments are said to be pending.

The Statement.

The announcement is contained in an official memorandum issued to-day reading: "The work of the War Purchasing Committee has been so satisfactory and effective that the Prime Minister has under consideration the retention of its organization as a general Purchasing Commission for all departments of the Government. During the past two and a half years the Commission has undertaken and carried out the purchase of all supplies for every department of the Government in connection with the war. These supplies have been purchased chiefly for the Department of Militia and Defence, the Department of Naval Service and the Department of Justice in connection with the internment operations. In pursuance of the Government's intentions to abolish patronage, both in respect of appointments to the public service and in the purchase of supplies, there will hereafter be no patronage lists in any department of the Government. There has been no such list in the War Purchasing Commission, which has purchased all supplies by tender after public advertisement or circular addressed to all known source of supply in this country."