

## TO APPOINT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**GOVERNMENT, IT IS SAID, WILL  
APPOINT C. H. CAHAN OF  
MONTREAL.**

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—The Government proposes to appoint a Director of Public Safety, and it is understood that C. H. Cahan, K.C., of Montreal, will be the new director. He will have charge of the prosecutions against the Bolsheviki, I. W. W. and similar organizations, and will co-ordinate all efforts of the Dominion Police and Secret Service. He will have charge of the enforcement of all legislation and orders in Council affecting public safety. It is merely a war-time appointment.

Mr. Cahan is a well-known Montreal lawyer, who prior to the formation of the Union Government was the nominated Conservative candidate in St. Lawrence. He and the Liberal candidate, Gordon Waldron, both retired in favor of Hon. C. C. Ballantyne.

In a general way it is understood that it is proposed to have appointed, more particularly in districts where there may be a considerable alien enemy element, Committees of Public Safety, whose duty it will be to protect the public against the activities of enemy propagandists or organizations of Bolshevik tendencies, such as the I.W.W., outlawed under the terms of order in Council passed recently.

The necessity of some effective organization of the kind proposed has been felt for some time, and Mr. Cahan, at the request of Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, has been working out the details of the plan. The organization will be along the lines followed in connection with the creation of Committees of Public Safety in the United States. It is understood that while private citizens will be asked to serve on the committees without remuneration, the plan calls for the appointment of a number of officials who will give all their time to the enforcement of the laws designed to ensure the safety of citizens and property during war time.