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## Sir Robert Borden Makes Inter- esting Statement Regarding Distribution of Cana- dian Troops.

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Ottawa, April 9. — A memorandum authorizing the work of the department of militia in connection with the war during the last twelve months was presented to Parliament yesterday by Sir Robert Borden as a preliminary to the request that will come in a day or so for the voting of \$250,000,000 to provide the sinews of war for the coming financial year.

Perhaps the most interesting information given is that Canada had actually at the front on March 15 last, 60,000 troops, or practically three divisions. Also in England or in passage to England on that date there were 44,000 troops. In Canada there were 134,000 troops.

Of the 44,000 troops in England, about half are at Shorncliffe as one training division under Brigadier-General J. C. MacDougall, while another training division is at Bramshott under Brigadier-General Lord Brooke.

It is intended as soon as the weather permits to concentrate the men in training in Canada at seven camps for the summer, namely, at London, Niagara, Petawawa (with a detachment at Barryfield), at Valcartier (including the Maritime Provinces men), at Camp Hughes, Man., at Vernon, B. C., and at the Sarcee Reserve in Alberta, near Calgary.

The housing of the troops in Canada for the winter months cost \$653,130, while for the housing of guards, prisoners of war, the establishment of convalescent homes, etc., the cost was \$147,184.