

# POSITION OF CANADA

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Confidential Communication From British War Office.

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Ottawa, July 29.—Code despatches from the British government were received late tonight bearing on the war situation in Europe, and it is possible that Sir Robert Borden and the other members of cabinet may be hurriedly summoned back to the capital this week. Although, of course, no information is available as to the contents of the confidential communications received from the British war office, it is known that the Imperial government believes that there is at least a real emergency.

At the present juncture, however, both the prime minister and the minister of militia will return to Ottawa soon, as nearly all the other cabinet ministers are away holidaying. The minister of militia was not expected back till the end of the week, but he will probably return at once, as the Canadian defence department will naturally have to take prompt action, if England is drawn into the conflict. There are a number of British officers now in Canada as well as thousands of reservists, and the British war department will have to be advised at once as to the amount of assistance which can be relied upon from here.