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# **Appeal Issued by Sir Robert Borden in Connection With C.P.R. Strike Situation—Special Meeting of Privy Council Called—Ministers Put Forth Effort to Adjust Differences—Winnipeg Public Hopeful, Though Trainmen Refuse to Postpone Date**

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From the Ottawa Correspondent of The Daily News.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—A public appeal to the C. P. R. and its employes to avert a strike was made by Sir Robert Borden at noon to-day, following a full Cabinet meeting. If the two parties fail to come to terms it is believed the Government will be prepared to take drastic action, as it is fully realized that a strike at the present time would be a national disaster. The statement was as follows:

“The Government regards as a matter of grave concern the probability of a strike on the Canadian Pacific Railway system. The fine spirit of patriotism which animates the employes is thoroughly recognized by the Government and a like spirit actuates those responsible for the management of the company. This public appeal is made in order that both parties may consider anew the attitude which they have assumed.

“The rights of the employes and those of the company, whatever they may be, are entitled to every respect and consideration, but the rights of the public must also be taken into account and the Government cannot forget its duty as guardian of those rights. This duty is especially imperative in time of war. Before taking any active step to prevent public disaster, the Government appeals once more to the company and the employes that such settlement be made as will prevent the threatened strike.”