

TORONTO TELEGRAM

UPHOLDS ROGERS

IN HIS RESIGNATION

Says Premier is Inclined to Give Voluntaryism One More Chance

Toronto, Aug. 23.—The Telegram's Ottawa despatch says in part:

"Hon Robert Rogers left the Cabinet, not because he was asked, but because his demand for prompt and decisive action along three lines of endeavor has not been acceded to. The three lines of endeavor may be classified as follows:

1—Immediate enforcement of conscription.

2—Enforcement of a franchise measure that would keep the alien who is not on the conscription list off the voters' list.

As They Think.

3—Immediate cessation of efforts to form a Cabinet from the rag ends of the Liberal party and nondescripts of other varieties.

And as this information was detailed and retailed more than one member exclaimed: "Why 'Bob' Rogers has just gone out for thinking what we think." They gave Premier Borden the credit of being sincere in his intentions and of doing what in his opinion was best to secure help for the boys at the front. But they recalled that it was three months on Saturday since he first declared his conscription policy. And they further remembered that on Saturday he had parried a question as to the cause of so much delay with the inane excuse, "In any event it could not become law till the Governor-General has given his assent."

Even a member of Parliament knows that getting the Governor-General's assent is a matter of moments rather than months if the Government really wants that assent, and wants it quick. But so far as is known, there has as yet been no move towards getting that assent. There is a well-defined and growing belief that the bill is being held up by the negotiations for union Government, that all or any branch or remnant of the Liberals who have been dickering with the Government have made another trial of voluntary enlistment one of their terms is common knowledge. There is also evidence to the effect that the Premier favors giving the voluntary system one more chance.

Of course the corridors echo with the names of the Ministers who will stay and the others who will go. It is generally conceded that Sir Thomas White, Sir George Foster, Hon. Dr. Reid and Hon. Arthur Meighen are sure of their portfolios. The last named is credited with being the chief advisor of the Premier in his policy, good or bad. He was kept busy last night assuring Conservative members that the franchise bill was coming down.

No Alien Enemy Clause.

That one is coming is assured. That it, in its initial stages at least, will not contain an alien enemy clause is also practically sure, for it is known that Sir Robert Borden has declared that such a clause is abhorrent to him. But still that clause may be inserted before the bill reaches its third reading. Private members of Parliament are prepared to bet that it will. And as evidence of further delay, it is announced that the alleged "Unionists" who has occupied the Chateau gave out that they had reached no conclusion and would move west tonight in order that their consultations might be continued in a western atmosphere.