

ALLIED ALIENS UNDER M.S.A.

Sir Robert Borden Arranging Scheme With Authorities in Britain

ACTING PREMIER'S LETTER

Earlscourt B.I.A. Worked Up Over Poor Supply of Coal

Premier Borden is now trying to make arrangements with the Imperial Government so that citizens of allied nations resident in **Canada** will come within the scope of the Canadian Military Service Act and that Canadians resident in allied countries will come under the military service laws of those countries.

This information was conveyed to the members of the British Imperial Association at a meeting held in Earlscourt School last night, through a letter received by the Secretary from acting Premier Doherty. Mr. J. R. MacNicol, the President of the B.I.A., pointed out that this would bring within the scope of the Military Service Act Italians, Frenchmen, **Greeks**, Portuguese and other allied citizens in this country who are at present not compelled to serve in the allied armies.

Adopts Resolution.

The feeling of the meeting on the alien question was expressed in the unanimous adoption of the following resolution, which was presented to the meeting by the Executive Committee:

"Be it resolved, that all persons who, on account of their nationality, are not liable for service under the Military Service Act shall pay a percentage of their wages into the account of the Minister of Finance, and that employers shall be responsible for the collection of the tax; that anyone having dependents of whom he is the sole support in Canada be relieved proportionately.

"Further, that we view with alarm the coming effect of all aliens on the labor market, and we resolve that the Dominion Labor Department devise measures to protect all British labor against all aliens, and that a representative from this association be invited to attend proposed conferences to present the views of those not connected with labor organizations."

Against Ferry By-law.

Cheers greeted the reading of a letter from Premier Sir William Hearst, stating that he would receive a deputation of citizens protesting against the passing of the ferry by-law granting power to charge increased rates before the Cabinet Council considered the application for an order in Council to make these new rate effective.

Mr. MacNicol said that the deputation was all ready to visit the Parliament Buildings and that the prompt action taken by the B. I. A. had held up the increased fares with a resultant saving of \$20,000 to the citizens.

No Coal for Soldiers' Families.

Great indignation was expressed at the inability of Earlscourt soldiers' families to secure coal while wealthy people could apparently obtain an abundance. One member of the association said that one prominent citizen had sufficient coal in his cellar to supply the entire fuel needs of more than fifty of the small homes in Earlscourt.

Another member stated that dealers who would accept orders to deliver below the hill would not deliver above the hill. Another man said that while he had tried to secure a small supply of coal without success, the other morning he saw from an Avenue road car seventeen wagon loads of coal going into one home.

Meeting on Coal Situation.

It was decided to hold a mass meeting regarding the coal situation on Saturday night to which Mr. R. C. Harris, Fuel Administrator for the Province, and Mr. D. Chisholm, Civic Property Commissioner, will be invited.

In answer to the question "How many here are without coal?" over sixty per cent stood up.