

C. H. CAHAN MAY BE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY

While no official announcement has as yet been authorized by the Government it is understood that the Cabinet Council on Saturday passed an order-in-council appointing Mr. C. H. Cahan, K.C., Montreal, Director of Public Safety for the Dominion. The order-in-council has not yet received the signature of His Excellency the Governor-General, who is in Quebec, but as soon as it does the Government will probably issue a statement explaining its provisions and the proposed scope of Mr. Cahan's activities.

~~In a general way it is understood that it is proposed to have appointed, more particularly in districts where there may be a considerable alien enemy element, committees of public safety whose duty it will be to protect the public against the activities of enemy propagandists or organizations of Bolshevik tendencies such as the I. W. W. outlawed under the terms of an order-in-council passed recently.~~

The necessity of some effective organization of the kind proposed has been felt for some time and Mr. Cahan, at the request of Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, has been working out the details of the plan. The organization will be along the lines followed in connection with the creation of committees of public safety in the United States. It is understood that while private citizens will be asked to serve on the committees without remuneration the plan calls for the appointment of a number of officials who will give all their time to the enforcement of the laws designed to ensure the safety of citizens and property during war time.