

# GOVERNMENT PLANS TO ISSUE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WAR

Publication of Further  
Details on Canadian  
Effort Mooted

## NOW BEING DECIDED

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—(CP)—Plans to give the public more details of Canada's war effort will be formulated this week by the sub-committee of the cabinet on public information headed by Labour Minister McLarty, the Canadian Press learned Monday.

### Suggestions Pour In

Suggestions and pleas to the government to give the Canadian people a better idea of how the country's war effort is being stepped up, it is understood, have been pouring in on the committee and its members are agreed that something more should be done.

The committee will decide whether to have one man, or group of men, supervise all publicity or to develop publicity machinery presently functioning in each department to greater effectiveness, each department operating on its own.

### Two-fold Duties

When Canada first entered the war the duties of the cabinet committee on public information were generally believed to be two-fold—first, to establish a censorship committee which would have the effect of limiting the flow of news, and second, a news bureau to see that the public was given all the news that could possibly be released. One organization would act as an offset to the other.

The censorship side has been built up and has been functioning satisfactorily, but members of the cabinet committee are not satisfied that the other side of the project, the development of information, has been as thorough as it should be, and are determined to see what can be done about it.

### Feeling Way Carefully

The government has been carefully feeling its way in the matter. Early suggestions of a propaganda organization did not meet with favour. On the other hand, it has been felt by the cabinet committee all along that the public was not being sufficiently informed on what the government was doing, what Canadian industry was doing and what various organizations were accomplishing to prepare this country for its war effort.

There have been uncertainties as to who would be responsible for giving out news from the various boards. Walter Turnbull, one of the Prime Minister's secretaries, was named in charge of information from the Prime Minister's office, and George Hambleton, former European correspondent of the Canadian Press, was appointed to co-ordinate information, but his first responsibility is to provide such information for the cabinet.

### Broadcasts Made

Meetings have been held of publicity representatives from the various departments, and it was decided each department should issue information direct, as in peacetime, but members of the cabinet committee feel this has not been sufficient.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King described Canada's war effort in two nation-wide broadcasts, and the defence department spokesman goes on the air each week. With these existing arrangements as a starting point, the cabinet committee will get down to definite decisions this week and formulate plans to be submitted to the entire cabinet.

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