
**APPOINTMENT OF COL. DREW
GREAT ASSISTANCE IN INQUIRY.**

Both as a soldier and a lawyer, Col. George A. Drew is eminently equipped for the post to which Hon. R. B. Hanson has named him as counsel before the Duff Commission for those who sought the inquiry into the Hong Kong expedition. No one could have been secured with a better knowledge of the present day military machine and the requirements of military service. Nor could anyone be found more competent to employ this knowledge in the marshalling of the facts which are brought out before the commissioner. In addition to his technical and legal capacity, Mr. Drew is thoroughly familiar with the machinery of government and should be of the greatest assistance in securing for the Canadian public the information which it wants.

There is another reassuring feature about Mr. Drew's appointment. It will go far to allay whatever forebodings may have been aroused by the announcement that the inquiry was to be held in camera. It has been stated that the decision to hold the inquiry in camera emanated from Chief Justice Duff himself, and it may be readily recognized that the inquiry may touch on matters which it is not in the national interest to disclose. The presence of Mr. Drew at the proceedings should be a guarantee that such secrecy will not affect the thoroughness of the inquiry and that the Commission will be impressed with the importance of releasing to the public all information which it is not necessary to withhold in the national interest.

Mr. Hanson is to be congratulated on his choice. He has done what he could to make the inquiry a real investigation of all circumstances surrounding the ill-fated expedition.

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