

## WAR SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.

disposal, the *Rainbow* being already in commission off the Pacific coast. The *Niobe*, on the Atlantic coast, was rapidly commissioned and put to sea.

**War Session of Parliament.**—Parliament met at Ottawa on August 18, and the session, the fourth of the twelfth Parliament of Canada, lasted until August 22, the proceedings during these four days being marked by intense patriotism and the entire absence of partisanship. Eight Acts of Parliament were passed in this session. The War Appropriation Act, 1914 (chapter 1), granted the sum of \$50,000,000 for military and naval defence, and the War Measures Act, 1914 (chapter 2), conferred powers upon the Governor in Council and amended the Immigration Act. The Finance Act, 1914 (chapter 3), and the Dominion Notes Act (chapter 4) were passed in the commercial and financial interests of the Dominion under the circumstances arising out of the war. The Customs Tariff Amendment Act, 1914 (chapter 5), and an Act to amend the Inland Revenue Act (chapter 6), provided for an increase in the revenue by raising the amounts of the customs and excise duties, principally for coffee, sugar, spiritous liquors, and tobacco. The Canadian Patriotic Fund, for the assistance of relatives and dependents of soldiers, residents of Canada, on active service with the naval and military forces of the British Empire and Great Britain's allies, was incorporated by the Canadian Patriotic Fund Act, 1914 (chapter 8). At the present time (August 1915), the Fund exceeds \$4,868,000. Chapter 7, amending the Naturalization Act, 1914, is referred to in the previous paragraph on Imperial Naturalization (p. 673).

**Gifts of Canadian Produce.**—On August 6, H.R.H. the Governor General cabled to the British Colonial Secretary the offer by the people of Canada of one million bags of flour. This offer was accepted with deep gratitude by the British Government, who stated that it would be of the greatest use for the steadying of prices and relief of distress. The example thus set was followed by each of the nine provinces, and the following is a list of the gifts offered:—

Donor.	Gift.
Dominion of Canada.....	1,000,000 bags of flour.
Prince Edward Island.....	100,000 bushels of oats (also hay and cheese).
Nova Scotia.....	100,000 tons of coal. <sup>1</sup>
New Brunswick.....	100,000 bushels of potatoes.
Quebec.....	4,000,000 lb. of cheese.
Ontario.....	250,000 bags of flour.
Manitoba.....	50,000 bags of flour.
Saskatchewan.....	1,500 horses.
Alberta.....	500,000 bushels of oats.
British Columbia.....	1,250,000 tins of salmon.

<sup>1</sup>Commutated by money payment.

Many other patriotic gifts were made by firms and individuals.