

Yet this fortunate escape may, perhaps, make us more slow to

Recognize that this is Our War;

and even though we do not hear the actual clash of arms, the issue of it must needs be of far reaching consequence to every one of us. We have given some proof of ~~the~~ belief that our privileges as British subjects cannot be separated from grave responsibilities, and thousands of Canadians are now across the sea, or making ready to go. But I fear that many of our youth have not yet seriously considered the question whether they cannot do something, directly or indirectly, to strengthen our national resources in this epoch-making hour. Why should we not have at least

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in training for such emergencies as the future may unfold, not all of them necessarily in the firing line, but fitted to serve in some useful way wherever duty calls them? We should then have barely done, in proportion, what the Motherland has done already. And in view of the splendid valour which will make YPRES, ST. JULIEN AND LANGEMARCK immortal names in our history, I am persuaded that, apart from the martial re-enforcement which would thus be brought to our cause, such an awakening of Canadian manhood, such an impressive object-lesson in the unity of the British Empire would be bound to have its effect in

Shortening the Duration of the War.

If we hope for a peace that shall endure, and that shall usher in the dawn of a new and brighter day, we must not