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## PLAY HONORABLE PART OR GET OUT

Only Course For Canada In Re-  
gard To Empire

OPINION OF MR. MEIGHEN

Speaks In Empire Defense In Ad-  
dress At Drummondville

DRUMMONDVILLE, Que., Nov. 24.—  
Discussing Canada's place in the empire  
at a meeting here last night, Rt. Hon.  
Arthur Meighen said:

"I ask you if you think that we can  
stand within the empire and not play  
an honorable part? Better far, infinitely  
better, to be out than not play an hon-  
orable part. Then we could hold our  
heads up. If we stepped out, let us not  
forget the territory into which we step.

"To-day we have certain defenses, by  
water and by land. Our defenses on  
the water are a goodly. On land it is not  
so bad, just a reasonable, if that,  
nucleus, not scarcely sufficient for the  
maintenance of order in Canada and  
the nucleus around which our sons  
would gather in time of external dan-  
ger. We contribute 10½ to 11 millions,  
or \$1.11 per capita a year. How much  
would we have to spend if we stepped  
out? Let us not imagine that we could  
do without anything in the way of na-  
tional police. We would not be more  
secure than the United States. That  
country, subject to no peril that we  
would not be subjected to if we step-  
ped out, sees fit to maintain a defense  
force that costs \$14.50 a head. It is  
well to reflect when we talk on imagin-  
ary isolation what that isolation would  
entail. Do not think that we would be  
allowed to rest under the aegis of an-  
other power, even if we were willing to  
take that dishonorable course."

TO VISIT EVERY RIDING.

MONTREAL, Nov. 24.—Right Hon.  
Arthur Meighen will visit every con-  
stituency in Quebec during the winter,

according to arrangements now being  
made by Hon. Rodolphe Monty and offi-  
cials of the Cartier-Macdonald Club.  
During the past week he has visited  
St. Johns, Sherbrooke, Richmond, Farn-  
ham, St. Hyacinthe and Drummondville.  
The second phase of the Quebec cam-  
paign will open in the near future, when  
Mr. Meighen, Mr. Monty and Hon.  
André Fauteux will hold a series of  
meetings and organization conferences  
in Joliette and adjoining constituencies.  
His other visit will also be paid to the  
eastern townships. Mr. Meighen and  
his party returned to Montreal from  
Drummondville this morning. Mr.  
Meighen returned to Ottawa to-day.

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