

tories closed ; trade obstructed ; whole battalions mowed down like the grass of the field ; the flower of each nation torn and scattered to the four winds of heaven ; what ruins, dear Brethren, have accumulated in this short time !

We cannot close our eyes to the fact that this conflict, one of the most awful yet seen by the world, will make its recoil felt in our country. England is engaged in this war, and who does not see that the destiny of every part of the Empire is bound up with the fate of her armies ? She counts very rightly on our co-operation, and this co-operation, We are happy to say, is being generously offered to her, both in men and in money. Already, with the reservists of the allied nations, naturalised or living amongst us, several thousand of our own compatriots have volunteered to go to the war, and others perhaps, will follow. Nearly all of them have left behind them families depending upon them for their support. How many of them will ever return to take up again the task of breadwinner for the family ? As beyond the seas, our own industries will be paralyzed ; they will suffer from the impossibility of employers to obtain raw material from the countries now at war ; and also from the absence or notable reduction in number of skilled workers. In the fatherless homes, mothers will lament that they have not the food which their children ask. On our streets, men without work will seek perhaps in vain for employment to assure their daily bread.

Already of course, the civil authorities have specified measures of human prudence to obviate the worst contingencies : the suppression of luxuries and superfluous expenditure ; the practice of rigorous economy ; the development of our national resources, and the increase of exportations to foreign markets. They have also opened, under the title of "The Canadian Patriotic Fund", a first source of protection in behalf of the families whose members have gone to the war. Though their appeal has reached the principal centres of the land, it was difficult however for them to make this appeal heard in the more remote country parts.

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