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by the proclamation of the Governor General printed in the Canada Gazette Vol. xlviil p. 612. But during the fifteen days between 4th August and 19th August Canada was, of course, at war in every sense of the word, though as yet there had been no Canadian proclamation to that effect issued. What was the fact and the law in this respect the Canadian Parliament, in August 1914, fully recognised, and authoritatively stated, in the War Measures Act, (5 Geo. V. c. 2) which declares in sec. 5 that "war has continuously existed since the fourth day of August 1914", though the Canadian proclamation to that effect was not issued till 19th August, 1914. It was no act of anybody in Canada which made a state of war with Germany or with Austria-Hungary exist in Canada. It was nothing but the act of King George and his Councillors at Westminster.

And just so exactly with regard to the making of peace. Whether with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria or Turkey. When the King makes peace with each one of those countries there will be peace within Canada so far as that country is concerned. - no sooner - no later - The speeches of Mr. Rowell - and the votes, or formal Acts of Parliament, of Commons or Senate at Ottawa are, as a matter of Constitutional law, of just exactly as much importance in this regard as similar speeches or resolutions from the tailors of Tooley Street.

The state of war which has been for some years existing between the King on the one part and Turkey - or Bulgaria - on