

way mileage, constructed at heavy cost, with long stretches of parallel lines when a single system could have handled all the traffic at lower charges upon a smaller investment of capital.

It is believed, however, that Canada will yet develop traffic in excess of present railway facilities; and in the meantime the government will endeavor to co-ordinate existing service and improve and protect the national railways without injustice to private companies. As old methods of railway building have to be abandoned so old systems of taxation have to be revised.

WEALTH CONSCRIPTION.

In order to meet the ever-increasing expenditure for war purposes and also to ensure that all shall share in common service and sacrifice, wealth will be conscripted by adequate taxation of war profits and increased taxation of income. There will be close enquiry into expenditures in order to protect the treasury against purely political origin and object. Permanent committees of the cabinet have been established for war and reconstruction. The very difficult and intricate problems inevitably rising out of the war conditions are being considered and studied earnestly and attentively with a view to effective action with the least possible delay. Immigration and colonization will receive careful and continuous attention, always with a sympathetic regard for labor and in full recognition of the necessity for greater production.

Thorough and effective co-operation among producers will be encouraged. The men by whose sacrifices and endurance the free institutions of Canada will be preserved must be re-educated where necessary and re-established on the land or in such other pursuits or vocations as they may desire to follow. The maimed and the broken will be protected; the widow and the orphan will be helped and cherished. Duty and decency demand that those who are saving democracy shall

not find democracy a house of privilege, or a school of poverty and hardship. The franchise will be extended to women, not chiefly in recognition of devoted and capable service in the war, but as a measure of justice too long delayed. If men die, women suffer; if they are wounded, women heal, and if they are maimed women labor. And since there can be no separation in suffering in sacrifice, there should be none in citizenship.

EQUAL REPRESENTATION.

The government will strive to develop and stimulate a common patriotism in all elements of the people, and all portions of the Dominion. It inherits no baneful legacies. It cherishes no grievances or animosities. East and West are equal at the council table and in the new Parliament all the provinces will have equal and adequate representation. In the electoral campaign it is greatly to be desired that reticence should be observed in the treatment of all questions in which smoulder the fires of old racial and religious quarrels, and contentions. Those who gave their lives for us on the fields of battle cherished the vision of a united Canada. To deny that vision would be treason to their memory.

The government thoroughly realizes that in this national emergency there is imperative necessity for fulfillment of its policies with the least possible delay. It pledges itself to prosecute the war with ceaseless vigor, to strive for national unity, to administer the public departments with economy and efficiency, to devise measures of taxation which will regard social justice and to neglect nothing that may be required to sustain the soldiers on service, or to comfort those of their households whom they have left behind. Firmly convinced that these objects can best be achieved by a government representing all parties, classes, creeds and interests, I appeal with confidence on its behalf for the sympathy and support of the Canadian people.

Be A Unionist. Let Us "Win the War"

Support the Soldiers at the Front. Don't Leave the Boys in the Trenches "in the Lurch".

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