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a way in which it will serve the needs of the people.

"We sometimes hear that we are spending a lot of money for pensions and gratuities. How will you meet it? That money will mean so much more in the way of purchasing power and so much more in circulation and give employment and as people are employed, employers as well as employees get more. The people are helped through this vast sum of money which will be kept in circulation throughout the country.

Secured In Battle

"Here let me pause to say we must never forget that if we have freedom today and the enjoyment of our homes and the joy of looking forward to living in a country that is free and happy, we owe it to those men who have gone to the front and put their lives between us and the enemy. We owe our freedom to those who have made the supreme sacrifice. We owe it to the hundreds of thousands of men who are wounded and maimed and we as a people no matter what government may be in power, must realize that the first duty of this nation is to the forces who have served overseas and those who have sacrificed life and limb. Don't let us ever forget that.

"I have not time to speak about what the government has sought to do for the war veterans but I say that no country in the world has its statute laws which mean as much to the men who have served overseas as Canada has at the present time. I do not say that we have done enough, but I do say that no country in the world has done as much. Canada has done more in those matters than any other country. That is all going to come back. It will be distributed into the purchasing power of our country and help to give continuous employment.

"Through the war we have helped other nations by supplying them with munitions and giving them mutual aid. We have sent to Britain and Russia and other countries vast quantities of munitions and paid for those out of the treasury. How did we do it? It has given employment to thousands upon thousands of workers and kept up total employment and in the money that has gone to pay these things there is money that has gone into circulation and shows we can not only help ourselves but others. You remember Shakespeare said 'The quality of mercy is twice blessed. It blesses him that gives and him that takes.'

Have All Helped

"If we had not sent the munitions that we have sent abroad, apart from what we did for our own troops, I doubt if the war would have ended when it did. These things have all helped to bring the war to a close sooner than it would have. These countries will never forget what has been done and as the opportunity comes in the future Canada will be blest for what she has done for others. We are facing the reconstruction of Europe. In Europe whole countries have been ravished and houses destroyed and little food and clothing. If someone did not come to their help from outside there would be total misery.

"Our nation is sending under the UNRRA large quantities of supplies of food and clothing. Is that helping much? All that food and clothing has to be paid for and every dollar that is paid for it coming out of the public treasury is money put into circulation and that is money giving employment and that is why we are helping today to raise these people on their feet so they can look after themselves and we are being blessed by plenty of employment. This country is dependent on its foreign trade for prosperity. We cannot trade with these people, they have not the purchasing power and cannot take our goods and pay for them. But once they are restored we will have the markets and they come to want more of our goods.

"I might speak of our housing policy. The government has made provision which will be helpful to persons wishing to repair or build a new house. In connection with the external trade, we have made arrangements to give credits to these countries.

Family Allowances

"One other great reform we have put into force or which will come into force on the first of July. What has been done in respect to family allowances? Here is a great social reform. I hope you will get clearly in your minds what the government has been aiming at in that direction. After all is not the great asset of a nation its population and of the population are not the children the real hope of the nation? If they are not properly

housed or educated can you expect a good citizenship to grow up?

"One of the astonishing things of this war is the number of persons who are offering their services in the armed forces who had to be rejected. Why? I venture to say that the impairment of constitution did not come

in later years or due to excesses, it came from not having a fair start in the beginning of life. There is one place that it is the duty of the government to look to the future.

"It may surprise you to know that in our country most of the homes from which large families come are the homes of those in very humble circumstances. The largest proportion where there are any number of children are from those who are dependent on wages for their living. If a worker has six or eight children compared with the worker who has not any children, it is not fair that those who are to be the workers of the future because they happen to be in humble circumstances that they should not get the same chance and start as others.

"Those who have large incomes are given by the statute exemptions according to the number of children they have. If you are fortunate enough to have a large income and a large family as far as the number of your family are concerned you are given exemption for these children. But if you happen to be so poor that you have not an income large enough for exemption, you have to look after your family yourself.

Social Revolution

"So far as this world war is concerned it has been an international conflict. Also it has been a great social revolution. This world is undergoing changes and in every country in the world those who have not had the same opportunities as others had, are going to see that they get it. If they cannot get it by legislation they will get it by revolution. The reason I am proud I am a Liberal and have been a Liberal and will die a Liberal is that Liberalism to me has always stood for an enlargement of opportunity for the fellow man. We are seeking under this family allowance to give each little child a fairer chance in the battle of life. That is the place where Liberalism will start.

"I said before that 'the quality of mercy is twice blessed, it blesses him that gives and him that takes.' What about ourselves? It is a vast sum of money that will be spent but every dollar of it has purchasing power and will create employment for other men and women in our land. It will help to pay for food and clothing and school books and the things that are necessary in a home and not for one day, but permanently.

"This will not be on the statute books for a few hours, if the Liberal government goes back, but permanently. It is permanent purchasing