

with its obligation to do its utmost in the great struggle in which we are all engaged, and her determination, which grows stronger every day, that she will stop sending her citizen soldiers across the seas and spending her treasures only when the cause of civilization, free institutions, independence and liberty have secured a final triumph.

When I was honoured with your invitation and asked to name my subject, I could see nothing more appropriate, under the present circumstances, than to speak of the one thing which preoccupies the mind of every true Canadian. The war cloud hangs as a pall over the country. What Canada has done, what she can do, what she should do, are questions which are in the minds of everybody, and it seems to me that I would be diverting the attention of the public from the one all-absorbing topic were I to speak of anything else. I do not pretend to be able to say anything new upon the subject, but it has seemed to me that an interchange of views and opinions and an examination of the question from different angles can be conducive to a certain amount of good and advantage.

A year ago on the 4th of this month, Canada was preparing to celebrate one hundred years of peace with the great Nation south of us. We little thought that the murder of an Archduke in the distant Balkan