

million men to go to the front, and is spending billions of dollars to fit out those men with just this kind of material, and there never was, and probably never will be, such a scene of activity as is in the United States now—which will probably continue for the next two years—in the manufacture of equipment of war. If men do not find employment here they can go over there and find employment in the very same kind of work where they are multiplying their establishments by millions and billions of dollars for these purposes.

Mr. OLIVER: That explains how the men are able to get work on the other side, but it does not fill the vacuum in our business enterprises in this country.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: Will my hon. friend allow me to ask him a question? Does he suggest that the Dominion Government could raise more money than it has raised for Imperial purposes, on the figures I gave? And, another question: if Canada is raising the money it can raise for Imperial purposes, and the Imperial Government requires munitions and foodstuffs, are foodstuffs to be put altogether to one side and munitions only regarded?

Mr. OLIVER: No. I do not know whether Canada has been raising to the limit of what she could raise.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: My hon. friend knows the figures well.

Mr. OLIVER: I do not know whether she has been raising up to the limit of her possibilities in support of the carrying on of this war. Let me suggest this. My hon. friend speaks of Canada financing the British Government in the purchase of munitions and foodstuffs in the past. Canada has not been doing anything of the kind.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: She has been raising the money here.

Mr. OLIVER: My hon. friend spoke of a balance of about \$100,000,000—

Sir THOMAS WHITE: We raised the money here.

Mr. OLIVER: But we would have had to raise the money to maintain our troops in the Old Country, if we had not had that arrangement with the British Government. It was just as much to our advantage as it was to the advantage of the British Government.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: But, the money has been raised.

Mr. OLIVER: That is true. Let us take credit for doing what we have done in the financing of our part in the war, but let us not take credit for financing the Government of Great Britain, when we are not doing it.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: Let me ask my hon. friend another question. No matter for what purpose it is, could more money have properly been raised than has been raised according to my statement, having regard to the conditions in this country?

Mr. OLIVER: I am not able to answer that. I am not in touch with the finances of Canada, as my hon. friend is. If he says we have raised up to the limit of what was possible, I am quite willing to take his word for it, and I am compelled then to accept the situation as it is, namely, that instead of our Canadian Government being able to finance the British Government in its purchases in Canada, we have only been able to maintain our forces in the field, plus \$100,000,000 which we have advanced to Britain. That is the statement of the case. All I ask is that we should know where we stand, and that we should not claim credit for doing something that we are not doing. We are not financing the British Empire any more than we are winning this war. We are doing our part, I hope, loyally and truly. If we are doing the best we possibly can do, that is all we ask of the Government. But, we contend, when they are merely paying on this side of the water money they owe on the other side, they have no right to say they are financing the Government of Great Britain in carrying on the war. Our munitions plants are being shut down because of the financial exigencies of the British Government, which exigencies we in this Dominion are not now able to meet. That is as I gather the situation from what has been said.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: I do not agree with that at all.

Mr. OLIVER: I cannot make anything else out of it. If that is the case in regard to munitions, I wish to draw attention to the fact that the same condition exists in regard to the supplying of bacon. So far as I have been able to gather from the press, the price of hogs fell two cents a pound on the announcement that the British Government would not buy any more