

four hundred and thirty-two millions of dollars for these purchases.

We have gone to our country for six successive loans. We have raised upwards of two billions of dollars in Canada itself out of our earnings and our savings, and the last Victory Loan which was launched after the War and war enthusiasm was over, we went to our people and said, "We want more money. We must have at least three hundred, four hundred or five hundred millions, if you can make it, to pay our bills, give credits to the countries that need it and keep our country in position to 'carry on.'" The people responded, and instead of our objective of three hundred million they put into the till six hundred and seventy millions of dollars (applause). That is going some (laughter).

This result was due to the splendid working force we had. The business men of Canada banded themselves together. Parties were forgotten, creeds were forgotten, everything that tends to disunite peoples were forgotten, they all massed in one splendid co-operation of heart and sentiment, wrought together for an unselfish object—to sustain the national credit and to keep the country solid financially and to enable her to "carry on." Efforts like that have done much to bind our people together into a unity of work and co-operation, enabling us to build up and solidify the national sentiment, which is a great asset to us now and for the future.

I want to touch just two points more. One point I want to touch is this, I am not quite sure I ought to touch it first or last, but I will take it up as it occurs to me. Canadians went overseas to fight, not from a lust for blood, nor with a desire for conquest, with not a shadow of a hope or a thought or a desire for gain of any kind. Why did we go? Why did Britain fight? Why did France and Belgium fight, and the Allies with them? Did they fight simply to tear the crown off the heads of the military autocrats of Europe? Surely that was not the purpose of the War. Surely these were not the ideals that buoyed men up and carried them through in the great endeavor. We wanted to save Belgium, we wanted to save France, we wanted to strike down the Hun Autocracy, and we went in to do that and to make it impossible for that malign influence ever afterwards to