

would be met by the united resources of the Mother Country and of every one of the daughter states."

Here we have the whole story through which we have suffered so much, and through which the greatest colony of the Empire is obliged in this one spot in the present struggle to take second place to our sister colonies of Australia and New Zealand. When the history of Canada's efforts, of Canada's share and Canada's part in this great war has been written, its darkest pages will tell the story of the great crime that was committed by this action on the part of Laurierism, both against Canada and against the Empire.

The Canadian people realize today our great loss in being prevented from giving effect to that policy, which, had we been able to carry it through, would have meant so much in this solemn hour, not alone to Canada, but to the Empire as well. We must, however, thank Heaven that Laurierism, that has ever opposed every proposal or move that was ever designed to bind in closer bonds of union our great Dominion and the Mother Country (as the long line of reports of the Imperial Conferences, as well as the defeat of our naval proposals, will prove), will in future find little if any support among the loyal people of our Dominion, all of whom, be they Liberal or Conservative, have now discovered how rotten were the props of Laurierism on which so many of our citizens have been leaning in the past. These same