

The French Press vigorously supported Honourable Ian Mackenzie, but the Quebec Chronicle, of August 25th, tempers criticism with the admonition that "his words seem to have been a friendly warning that we should all profit by rather than resent."

"No one in this city who saw the Hindenburg nosing her way coolly up the St. Lawrence, high over head, and no one who has read of the progress of heavier-than-air machines in the matter of trans-oceanic flights, will attempt to deny that Viscount Elibank is correct in his estimate of our vulnerability, which is that of many representative Canadians before him."

The Montreal Herald, of August 25th, says:

"What he said was true, whether he had a right to say it or not."

The Toronto Globe, of August 22nd, says:

"She has never denied her obligations to the Empire, and never disguised her belief that her own security was in that relationship. The realities of Europe and those obligations now demand that she meet the issue and make a practical contribution to her own and the Empire's safety. The contribution is national defense. The demand is for immediate action..... Reflection upon international events, particularly those of the last year, should convince the public that delays in action cannot longer be tolerated."

In a further editorial replying to the Windsor Star's plea that Canada simply cannot afford these things (armaments) the Globe, of August 29th, says:

"The only purpose Lord Elibank had for saying what he did was to acquaint this country with the severe nature of the emergency that has grown up in Europe... The fact remains, however, that public opinion, since the Elibank incident, is extremely conscious, not only of the emergency, but of Canada's real position, her obligations and her duty."

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