

We really are not yet conscious of what we can do in Canada. I hope we will never try to compete with Germany by reducing the wages of our working men and women. We can never develop true Canadian manhood or womanhood by trying to force the great body of our people to work for low wages. We should not try to make our nation rich at the expense of any class in our country. We can pay our working men and women higher wages and yet ultimately lead the world in manufacturing, if we, first, become truly conscious of the greatness of our resources and develop faith in our own productive power; and if we, second, train our children in every part of the Dominion to be original, achieving and scientifically constructive.

We will never admit that a despotism can produce a better type of manhood and womanhood than a Christian democracy. The lessons connected with dyes will never be forgotten. We are more inventive than any European nation. We discovered the process of making dyes from coal tar. We allowed, through lack of efficiency, the Germans to make the dyes of the world by using our discovery. When war broke out, the cloth manufacturers of the world were unable to get dyes to color their yarn. Germany had control of the dyes, but worse than that she had, also, through efficiency in the scientific application of our discovery, control of all the material for producing explosives. High explosives are made from two of the ten products of coal tar used in making dyes. So the Germans controlled not only the dyes but the high explosives, too. This in the early months of the war placed Great Britain and her allies at a great disadvantage. We are no longer at a disadvantage. We are awake, and we are going to keep awake and see more clearly as the greater and more revealing years come and go.

Hon. Mr. Runciman sounded the true note in the British Parliament when he said: "British traders, despite the handicap of the war, have worked wonders in trade development. We have completely broken down the German monopolies in optical glass, dyes, electrical apparatus, and certain chemicals, and these monopolies will not again be renewed. The policy of the Board of Trade is that there shall be no essential article, either for the arts of