

of many Canadian businessmen — that Canada has done splendidly under the voluntary system, and that military compulsion would be a grave mistake as it would endanger Canada's economic future. I know that Hon. Mr. Meighen, Solicitor General in the present Government, has said that he would let Canada become bankrupt in order to save the British Empire. You will readily admit that such a proposition cannot be entertained by a businessman; you will admit, moreover, that the bankruptcy of Canada, which very likely would not save the British Empire if it could not be saved otherwise, would surely be the greatest loss to the British Empire in this war.

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