

5. There is a business argument for Patriotism.

(Extracts from "What You Want to Know About the Victory Loan, 1919.")

Q.—Why should a man buy Victory Bonds yielding $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. when he can get 7 per cent. on something else?

A.—The something else is not as safe. Remember, the whole Dominion of Canada is security for that $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. In fact, Canadians are fortunate to get such a high rate. The people of Great Britain, France and the United States do not get as much.

The National Viewpoint

Clearing up the war debt is,—

- (a) A matter of national pride.

1—A nation's debts must be paid, like an individual's, to maintain the nation's honor.

2—Through payment of our debt, the nation can express its gratitude to its soldiers, both dead and living.

- (b) Is a matter of national acumen.

1—A nation's credit must stand high, like an individual's, to enable development of trade abroad and maintain prosperity at home.

2—The credit of the individual cannot be greater than the credit of the nation.

- (c) The success of the Victory Loan, 1919, is a duty we owe to the world, because,—

1—It will show that the country is enthusiastically behind the ideals for which we fought.

2—Those ideals involved the future of humanity and freedom.

Is it because we no longer hear the sound of guns, we feel privileged to lay aside our patriotism, to lay it on the shelf, to forget the honorable commitments of Canada?

We are not going to float the Loan strictly on a commercial basis. We have got to invoke the patriotism of the Canadian people, and we are going to do it confidently. There should be such a response as was never before witnessed in Canada. It is our deliberate judgment that it would be a profanation of the spirit that has already been exhibited to say that we should consider the matter in cold blood and on a strictly business basis.