

"Nevertheless, there must be no misunderstanding as to the attitude of Canadians in the event of such a war. Every man of sense and wisdom in Canada will deplore such a war, will hope that all possible means will be taken which prudence can suggest to prevent it, and will pray that its evils and horrors may be averted. But if come it must, Canadians as one man will be on the side of the Empire. Let there be no misconception. Canadians will be practically a unit. There will be no parties, no divisions. The invading foe will confront five millions of Britons whose hearts will be true to the Empire, and who will not shrink from any sacrifice necessary to maintain the national honour.

"But what of French Canada? The answer is easy—Loyal to the core. French regiments raised in Quebec and officered by French-Canadians would stand side by side with the English regiments of Ontario in defence of the country, and no braver men would march to battle than the pious descendants of heroic and glory-loving France."

On the same authority we have it that the very day after the crisis occurred the *Morning Chronicle*, one of the oldest and most influential of the Liberal organs of Canada, used these editorial words:—

"We are Britons. We believe in the rectitude and justice of British statesmen. We are as much concerned in the honour of the Empire as the inhabitants of the British Islands, and therefore, if war must come, let it be distinctly understood that all Canadians stand side by side with Great Britain in this contest from the beginning to the bitter end. Whatever resources of men and money we possess are at the service of the Empire, and in this view our counsels are united, and our voice is the voice of one man. That we are not directly interested in the originating cause of the war has nothing to do with the case. The honour of the Empire is at stake, and the honour of the Empire is ours."

The Toronto *Globe* (we further read), one of the greatest newspapers in Canada and the great Liberal organ in Ontario, uttered editorial sentiments equally ringing. The Montreal *Herald*, the leading Liberal paper in Montreal, was equally clear and emphatic. The London *Advertiser*, the Ottawa *Free Press*, the Hamilton *Times*, the Kingston *Whig*, the St. John *Telegraph*—every one of them daily Liberal organs of influence and power—spoke out in tones most patriotic and devoted to the Empire. Indeed, there was but one voice from the entire press of Canada, English and French, and that was, "Britain's honour must be maintained, and Canadians must help maintain it." In a speech delivered before an immense Liberal meeting at Montreal while the President's Message was the leading topic, the Hon. W. S. Fielding, Premier of Nova Scotia and one of the Liberal leaders of Canada, declared amid