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## Reconstruction Messages

to the people of Canada from three prominent members of the Federal Cabinet.

Extracts from speeches delivered last week at Ottawa at the First Conference of the Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries.

### Hon. A. K. MacLean,

Chairman of the Reconstruction Committee of the Privy Council:—

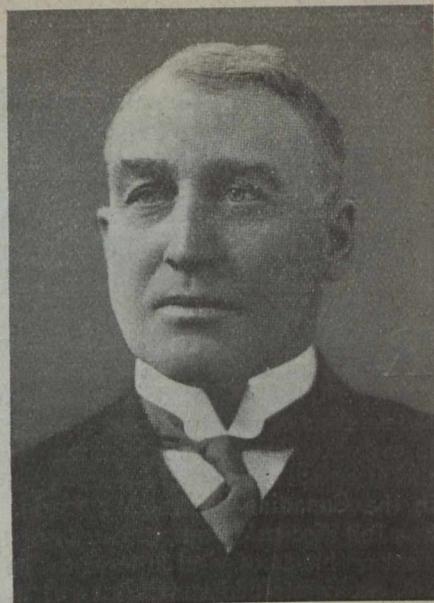
"I have no hesitation in saying that governments, provincial and local, municipalities, cities and towns which have deferred construction programs should resume them at once.

"There is no restriction to-day upon the issue of securities by any government whatever, provincial or municipal, so that these representative bodies are at liberty to go into the money markets and procure their money for construction programs, and it is the duty of all representative bodies to give a lead to the people of Canada at this moment when things are more or less confusing.

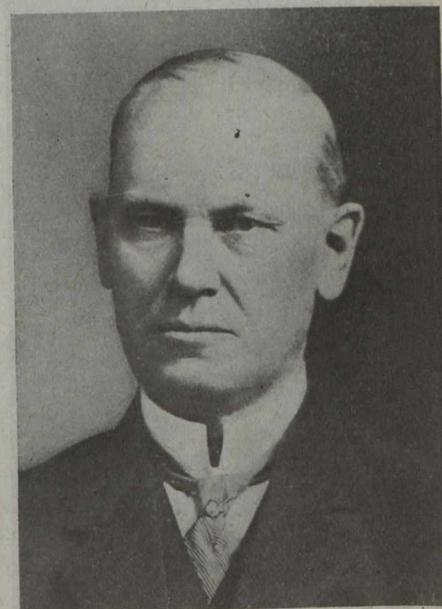
"For the whole of Canada there has been a deferred construction during the past four years of approximately one billion dollars, exclusive of public works, railroads, etc. This promises great activity in building industry and means prosperous times for all parts of Canada.

"Outside of Canada we can count on a large share of business that will contribute to our prosperity, and that will help to solve any problem arising from the demobilization of our soldiers and war workers. . . .

"The transition from war to work cannot be so great as from work to war. We can face the future with courage and confidence. We have the capacity to develop; we have vast resources."



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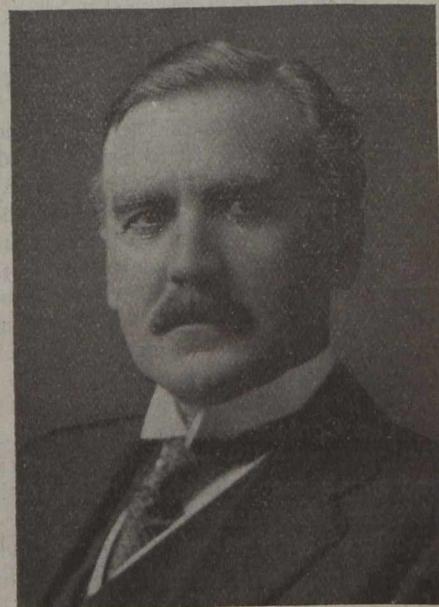
Minister of Public Works:—

"For the past year we have been putting on the brakes as hard as we could, endeavoring to save all our money for war purposes and not to spend money otherwise. Now that the war is over we look at the question of public expenditures from an entirely different standpoint.

"The Government is justified and is called upon to spend money on any work of economic advantage, even if the cost should be increased. We must have much broader outlook during the coming year than we had for the past two or three years from a building trades standpoint.

"It is our duty to branch out in a building program. . . .

"Although it was important that money be conserved during the war, it is now equally important that money be spent in reasonably useful projects."



HON. SIR THOMAS WHITE

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Minister of Finance and Acting Premier:—

"In our opinion it would be desirable to proceed with works of immediately productive character. . . .

"The railways are run down and many industrial plants of all kinds are suffering from lack of repair.

"In all cities and towns throughout the country, building operations of a private character have been delayed."