

dreaded trenches, and that their mothers, brothers, sisters and fiancées are still courageously bearing the anxieties and sorrows of war without murmuring. All these noble sacrifices that are made by the victims of the war are much greater than mine, and if it were possible for me to do something to lighten them, the reward would be sufficient to make me forget what the adherence to duty has cost me. I have nothing but contempt for those who are arousing the people of my province and leading them to disobey or resist the law, and thus exhibit to the Americans, the English and the French people that which is not really true, that my countrymen are poltroons and cowards. These self-constituted advisers of the people assume indeed a grave responsibility which I must continue to refuse to share. However, it would have been very easy for me to join with them and associate myself with the prejudices and passions of my fellow-citizens and to be considered by them, for some time at least, as a great patriot. I do not want such popularity which is so thoroughly opposed to the voice of my conscience. I do not want any such plaudits when I witness the heartrending agony of my brothers who are dying daily on the field of vindication and honour. Those who are preaching cowardice are lauded by some of the French-Canadians of this province, but those who are doing their duty are approved by some of the best French-Canadians of this country, and especially by the French-Canadian soldiers in the trenches and the soldiers of the Marne and of Verdun. If my voice could be heard I would say to my dear French-Canadian compatriots that selfish men, in order to satisfy their personal ambitions, and for nothing else, are trying by the most dishonest means to bring about dishonour to the French Canadian race; I would say to my compatriots not to listen to the Rouges and Nationalists of our province because they are preparing for us a page in the history of the great war which shall be a shame to our race forever.

APPEAL TO ALL MEN OF GOOD WILL.

I appeal to all men of good will, of religious and other professions, to the working and agricultural classes of my province, and I ask them to act immediately and endeavour to put an end to the nefarious work of the Rouge and Nationalist politicians who are seeking to isolate us, not only in Canada but everywhere,