

not be impossible even in time of peace. Unless we show ourselves possessed of such fairness, moderation, and self-control as will make this possible there cannot be a confident hope of attaining or realizing the higher and nobler ideal that would command the peace of the world.

**A SPEECH BEFORE THE CANADA CLUB AND THE
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION, AT LONDON,
ENGLAND, AUGUST 1, 1918. (1)**

During more than two years of this war the Duke of Connaught served as Governor General of Canada, and no man ever fulfilled more truly the highest ideals of duty and of service. The same ideal has been splendidly illustrated in the devotion of the men whom I see around me. To them and to all Canadians, both men and women, who have laboured here without respite in every mission of aid and mercy I yield a grateful tribute.

It is not without inconvenience and even difficulty that Canadian Ministers have crossed the Atlantic this year, for many matters at home have demanded the gravest consideration and the most active attention. I hope I am fully conscious that my first duty is to the Canadian people; yet I am equally conscious that even from that standpoint, and not forgetting the four hundred thousand Canadians who during the past four years have crossed the ocean to fight for freedom, no duty could be more serious or more compelling than that in which I have been engaged throughout my present visit to London.

Last year we met for the first time in the Imperial War Cabinet. This year its labours have been even more unremitting and certainly not less important. In the Cabinets of the several British self-governing nations the heads of great departments of state sit around the council board; in the Imperial War Cabinet the heads of governments deliberate on matters of common concern. Each government, each nation, preserves unimpaired its perfect autonomy, while on the other hand a common purpose is maintained and effective

(1) On August 1, 1918, the Canada Club and the Canadian Association joined in a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel in honour of Sir Robert Borden and the other Canadian Ministers attending the Imperial War Cabinet and the Imperial War Conference. Field Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught presided. Sir Robert Borden spoke as above.