

account of themselves in South Africa, I believe that when the record of the present war comes to be written, the names of Canadians will shine bright on its pages as those who knew their duty and did it.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I do not feel that I am capable of saying what I would like to say. I feel at the present time a great deal more than I have the power to express. I feel the solemnity of this hour. We are meeting as a band of Canadians of different races and nationalities and languages; but never in the history of Canada have we met feeling that we were one in the same sense as at this hour of our history. That generosity which sometimes lies more or less concealed in partisan and racial disputes has burst all those ignoble bonds, and a feeling of pure patriotism, love of country and devotion to what the flag symbolizes, has come to the front disfigured by no mean or petty purpose. The last four days of this session of Parliament have vindicated Canadian public life and parliamentary life for all time to come. They have shown that it is possible for us to forget all mean and petty things when our country and its highest liberties are at stake. We leave these rooms to-day, and we may meet again in some months; but what will have happened in that intervening time? The issues of war are never certain until they are settled. It does not always happen that the right triumphs in the one battle or the one campaign. In this war nearly twenty millions of armed men will probably be face to face or within range of each other before the finality of the contest is determined. What will happen? Will the right and true prevail this time, or must there be more sacrifice and many years before they ultimately prevail? The one solemn thing for us to remember to-day is that there is more to war than the first march out of the troops, the first blare of the trumpet and the first flaunting of the flag. What there is more to war has been demonstrated in Belgium in these last thirteen or fourteen days, when their homes have gone up in flames, when their wives and their children have given over to hardship and death, and when their own bodies, as strong and valiant as ours, have been shattered by the grim weapons of war. We have not had that experience. But it may yet be ours, and my word to this House and to this country to-day is to put on the full armour of courage and confidence, not to

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be daunted by a temporary reverse or by a series of reverses, but to feel sure that justice will burn forth bright and strong in proportion to our readiness to make the necessary sacrifice, and as the fires of this sacrifice burn away what is selfish and base in our country, our people and ourselves.

Some of our companions and colleagues march out to-day and will go forward to the front. Let us remember with our best wishes and follow with our deepest prayers those of our comrades who are about to take the sword in defence of liberty and the right.

I cannot say more, and I should have been sorry to have said less. The time of trial is upon this country and the Empire. It will do us good in the end. God and the right will finally triumph.

PROROGATION.

A message from His Royal Highness the Governor General by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

His Royal Highness the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of your honourable House in the Chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the Senate Chamber.

In the Senate Chamber, His Royal Highness the Governor General was pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Bills:

An Act to conserve the Commercial and Financial Interests of Canada.

An Act to confer certain powers upon the Governor in Council and to amend the Immigration Act.

An Act respecting Dominion Notes.

An Act to amend the Customs Tariff, 1907.

An Act to amend the Inland Revenue Act.

An Act to amend the Naturalization Act.

An Act to incorporate the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

An Act for granting to His Majesty aid for military and naval defence.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:

In His Majesty's name, His Royal Highness the Governor General doth assent to these Bills.

After which His Royal Highness the Governor General was pleased to close the Fourth Session of the Twelfth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following Speech: