

that a wide and long experience of other lands makes me believe that that is as true of other nations as it is of yours. Could we but take a free and honest referendum of the peoples of the world, I believe we should find that 99 out of every 100, 999 out of every thousand, long for peace; I believe we should find that there is no country, without exception, where the vast majority of the men and women do not dread the very thought of war.

Then why, in Heaven's name, do the Governments not give the peoples the peace for which they long? Why am I here today to speak of Canada and the Next War as though we all assumed that the next war was bound to come?

Not because Canada or any nation has an interest in war. In Great Britain today there are more than two million unemployed. Most of them are suffering misery, hardship and privation which I can't describe. Their unemployment is part of the price we are paying for the last great war. Canada is paying the same price today. And Canada is not paying for the last war only - she is already paying for the next. Nearly every country in Europe is trying to grow its own wheat. In some countries, where millions of unemployed starve on a few shillings a week, the import tax on wheat is two, three, four times the price of the wheat itself. In some places there has been actual "bootlegging" of wheat. Canada's prosperity can never revive until their hungry workless can buy the wheat she has to sell but they will only buy it when fear of the next war has disappeared.

That means that Canada, like every other nation, has a vital interest to prevent the next war from taking place. She has that interest whether she fights that next war or not. Ask Norwegians, who were neutral in the last war, how they fared,