PREFACE

I have so often been asked my opinion on this great and unjust War now raging in Europe, and though I have sent my views to all the English Daily Newspapers of Montreal, my point of view did not seem to suit them—so I am going to publish them in pamphlet form.

I do not believe in any race dominating against any other race against their will, either in the British Empire or anywhere else, so I will be quite candid in my analysis. The Germans in our midst, whom I have known and done business with for many years, I will continue to treat as courteous during the course of the War and after it, as I have done before, but the worst feature of pure German character I intend to diagnose without partiality, and give my reasons for believing that it is absolutely useless for them to have the least expectation of ever building a lasting Empire, either now or in the future. They have never done it in the past, and they will never do it in the future.

The controlling mainspring of the British Empire is not Anglo-Saxon, but Anglo-Norman-Celtic.

I was told that I should not publish a pamphlet with such a prophetic title until the War was over. I never had the faintest doubt, as to the result from the day it started. If I should, contrary to all human probabilities, turn out a false prophet in connection with this great catastrophe in human history—the misfortune will be so great, that my mistake, if it should turn out so, will be like a drop in the bucket, in ccmparison. If Germany should defeat the British Empire and consequently take Canada, I would have, of course, to get out before they took possession, as I never expect to be on German soil willingly while I am alive. So I am playing a greater stake, than merely making a miscalculation.

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