

he made the other night I think he showed us that he is a representative of the people of this country, and a worthy person to have a seat in this Chamber.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. DUFF: I was particularly struck by the remarks of the honourable senator from Sorel. In fact, honourable senators, I was never more impressed in my life. In saying this I am not trying to pay him a compliment on the way he delivered his address, but I want to congratulate the community from which he comes on the words which he uttered in this Chamber to those of us who come from other parts of this great Dominion.

My right honourable friend the leader of the opposition (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen) spoke yesterday. I want to say in all truth that while I felt that perhaps on occasion he, like myself, cannot forget he came from a certain breed, yet I was proud of the earnestness and seriousness with which he treated the statements of the honourable senator from Sorel (Hon. Mr. David). My right honourable friend reminds me of a story I once heard about the last war. A Scottish regiment, about to embark for the Dardanelles, was marching down a street in Glasgow, their kilts swinging to the wail of the bagpipes. An old lady was standing on the sidewalk waiting for her son Jock to pass. When Jock came up she suddenly realized that there was something not quite right about the way these Hielanders were marching along, and she turned to her neighbour and said, "They are all out of step but Jock." I am afraid my right honourable friend feels sometimes that the gentlemen who are carrying the heavy burdens which have to be carried at this very important time in our history are out of step with him. That of course is to be expected. But in all honesty I would say this about the right honourable leader opposite: not only is he a loyal Canadian and a loyal citizen of the British Empire, but he wants Canada to do everything that it possibly can do to bring this war to a victorious conclusion.

In these times we hear a great deal of criticism, from the newspapers and on street corners, about the way the war is being carried on. Even in our own homes, some nights when we have not much else to do, we gossip about how we would run the war if we had an opportunity. Like other people, I myself am sometimes critical, but I have made up my mind that during this crisis in our national history, because of the fact that rightly or wrongly our people in March last declared in a very decisive way who should carry on the war and govern us for the time being, I am going to hold my powder as well

as I can and give the Government a chance to see what it is able to do. Perhaps some of the criticism that we hear is justified.

I read in a newspaper not very long ago that a prominent gentleman, who is associated with a great party, stated this was a Liberal war. Well, I am willing to agree with him up to a certain point. In fact, I myself think it is too liberal, because I feel that there should be no war; that it should not be necessary to make this expenditure of life and property in order that peace may be secured on this continent and throughout the world. However, it does seem to me that to call this a Liberal war is rather small talk for anybody. A Liberal war! What does that mean? I admit that perhaps in 1914-1918, when the party I was supporting was not in power, I as a partisan may have criticized the Government and called the war of those years a Tory war. The fact is, as honourable senators know, that there are just as many Conservatives as Liberals in the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. This is not a Liberal war or a Conservative war; it is a war for Canada—for the protection of this country and all that we hold dear. So when a job that a man is after goes to someone else, or when he loses a contract to someone else, he is not justified in saying that this is a Liberal or a Tory war.

When I read that statement about this being a Liberal war I started to think a little. I found that the man appointed by the Government as chief of our overseas forces could not by anybody, however politically blinded, be called a Grit. I think the right man is in the right place, for Lieutenant-General McNaughton is a very brilliant soldier. The Government did a fine piece of work in appointing him, but certainly partisan politics did not enter into the matter.

If you walk down one of the corridors in this building you will see a vacant room. The gentleman who used to occupy that room had a gallant record in the last war. He did not have to go to the present war; he would have been as justified in staying home as any of us are. But almost as soon as war was declared he enlisted and left his good position here. He went overseas as a major, I understand, but he is now colonel of a regiment. Honourable members will know that I refer to Colonel Gregg, V.C., Sergeant-at-Arms of the other House, another good Conservative.

Let me come a little closer to home to make further inquiry about this so-called Liberal war that we are fighting. In my hand I have a copy of the Senate Hansard of May 28