

trial machinery, the effects of which we can hardly yet appreciate. War orders will cease with the war, and it is quite likely that both will cease suddenly.

Again, our trade has been tossed about by this war storm. Both our imports and our exports have changed in character, in origin and in destination. But the arrival of peace will largely obliterate the new compelling conditions which have made these changes and will restore something of the old order.

So what I want to ask tonight is: Are we ready as a nation for this next sudden change, when it comes? Are we ready for the immigration which, if we are prepared for it, will once more flow towards our ports? Much, vitally much, will depend upon this. We must attract the home-seeker as never before--and we must especially provide the means and the measures to make him happy and prosperous, after he once decides to find his home in Canada. Remember, the war-worn European, looking abroad for a possibly more peaceful country in which to rear his family, will be industriously canvassed by rival nations. We shall not be alone in the field. But while we will not be alone in the field, we will at least be encouraged by the knowledge that we have in the three great prairie Provinces of Western Canada the greatest inheritance known to the human race.

I am one of those who think that this problem of the future should be taken up now, not only by the