

that the Executive Committee feels justified in asking all Canada to give a second time.

Until the youngest among us is grey-headed, and for many long years after, the one outstanding event will be this great war. We may still continue to use the old chronology, but events of modern history will be divided into those before and those after this present year. It has been a great testing time for nations and individuals. The boasted civilization of some countries has been found to be but a thin mask, of others to have shown unexampled heroism. For the British Empire, judged by its enemies to be decadent, money-loving, rent by dissension, it has proven a time of sublime effort. As with nations so is it with individuals. Hereafter the one question that will be asked regarding every man will be this, "How did he stand the test of the great war?" Those who can should go to fight, and those who cannot fight should pay. Those who will do neither are unworthy the liberties they enjoy, for which men by the thousands are dying.

After all, this great cloud has a silver lining. It may lead those of us who inherited privileges we little prized, to hold them hereafter in higher estimation, and to exercise the rights of self-government with greater unselfishness and purer ideals. If this be accomplished, the sacrifices will not have been in vain.

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