

We have thought that Nationalism in our French-Canadian compatriots, is what has beclouded their vision to a call to duty wider than Domestic considerations. Is there a call to some of us who find fault with the French-Canadian, to be careful that we are not possessed of the same spirit, though differing in expression?

Is not this British conception of a Commonwealth founded upon liberty and justice and the bearing of responsibility and the fulfilling of duty, instinctively undertaking burdens for others, as well as instinctively taking care of itself, the thing which will keep alive the soul of this rapidly developing nation which is growing rich in material things? Can we explain the part Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Newfoundland; The Isles of the Sea, India, have borne in this war upon any other hypothesis? We could gain no lands, and receive no indemnity, and yet, with pride, we have sacrificed the flower of our young manhood; have incurred a national debt of staggering proportions; and yet the call of our people is not DO LESS, but DO MORE!

It is the knowledge we have played a man's part, and have borne a man's burdens, and have not been afraid to die for a great cause which has brought to us a new consciousness, and we say, as do the other Overseas Nations, we must share in council; we must share in responsibility, and claim the right of full citizenship to shape the policy out of which the responsibility grows. If we are to fight, and spend, and be spent, we must discover a means whereby, both as to the cause for which we fight, and the cost of the undertaking, we share responsibility with those with whom we are associated.

I believe we have not faced the situation when we say: Let well enough alone; our relations have served us hitherto, why bother with them now? Does anyone suppose that these nations which have shared in this struggle, will rest content to have Houses of Parliament representing only people in Great Britain determine for us these matters of peace and war, and our relation with other peoples. I cannot but think that men who say this, say it, not so much