



“WIN THE WAR,” AND LOSE CANADA¹

At the request of the *Evening Post*, I have not the slightest objection to state the present situation in Canada, as seen from the viewpoint of Canadian Nationalists, who hold that such principles and facts for which Canada is supposed to fight in Europe ought not to be disregarded at home.

We are opposed to further enlistments for the war in Europe, whether by conscription or otherwise, for the following reasons: (1) Canada has already made a military display, in men and money, proportionately superior to that of any nation engaged in the war; (2) any further weakening of the man-power of the country would seriously handicap agricultural production and other essential industries; (3) an increase in the war budget of Canada spells national bankruptcy; (4) it threatens the economic life of the nation and, eventually, its political independence; (5) conscription means national disunion and strife, and would thereby hurt the cause of the Allies to a much greater extent than the addition of a few thousand soldiers to their fighting forces could bring them help and comfort.

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