

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: In men, in money, in ships, and in other ways. As far as I understand at the present time, we would have been in a stronger position if Canada had not been made a party to this League of Nations further than she would be as a part of the British Empire. We would then have been able to come forward voluntarily and take our stand at any time when the necessity arose, exactly as we did in August, 1914. We would be free to put forward our greatest efforts as we felt inclined. I think that if we came down to considering the question of the exact quota that we should be called upon to put forward as our share in enforcing the Treaty we should find that it would be very much less than what we felt was our share and what we actually have done in helping the Mother Country and her Allies to carry on the war and see it brought to a successful conclusion.

I do not purpose discussing this matter any further at the present time, honourable gentlemen, because I think we all want to hear from the Government their interpretation of the position which we are going to be asked to occupy in regard to this Treaty of the League of Nations. We shall have, I understand, a full opportunity of discussing those questions in connection with the resolutions which have been proposed by the honourable leader of the Government.

With regard to the other matters dealt with in the Speech from the Throne, I notice that we are to be asked to make financial provision in connection with the Peace Treaty and also for other purposes. I was pleased to hear the seconder of the Address urge upon the Government the necessity of economy in its administration. We voted last year a very large sum of money for the purpose of carrying on the affairs of this country. Many of us felt that great extravagance was shown in the estimates which were placed before Parliament, and that they might have been considerably reduced. Now, if the money to be voted for other purposes, as stated in the Speech from the Throne, is a very large amount, I think it will be very regrettable that we should be called upon to vote the additional sum, unless there are strong reasons for our doing so. We are called together for this session for the special purpose of giving consideration to the Treaty, and we should not be called upon to supplement the estimates passed by Parliament at last session, which covered the whole of the current year and amounted to a very considerable sum. We are to-day faced with the necessity of

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raising a large amount by way of loan. Yesterday the Victory Loan was practically inaugurated, when His Royal Highness unfurled the flag at the Parliament buildings. We all hope that the Government will be successful in raising the money that they require and, according to the figures given here to-day, they are probably justified in the expectation that they will be able to get all they want in that way. At the same time, not only the Government, but every person in the country who thinks about these matters at all, must realize that the strictest economy is necessary in both public and private affairs, and that we have to develop the natural resources of the country as much as possible in order to be able to bear the heavy burdens that have been placed upon us by this war. I am sure it is the desire of the people throughout this country to make the most earnest efforts in helping to retrieve the obligations which the war has placed upon us.

In conclusion, I would say that we hope to do everything in our power in a united way in the future, as we have done in the past in connection with the war, in helping to carry on the affairs of the country in the best possible manner.

Hon. L. O. DAVID: Will the honourable leader of the House allow me to ask him a question? I would like to know why there was nobody this year to move or second the Address in French. That is contrary to an old custom which has always been followed. Is it because there is nobody on the other side who is able to speak French, or is it because nobody consented to move or second the Address in French?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: My honourable friend from Mille Isles has always been facetious in this House, and we welcome his sense of humour particularly on this occasion. I may remind my honourable friend that the Address last session was moved by the most recent appointee from Quebec. I am unaware of any appointment from Quebec having been made since that time. If a new member had been appointed from that province, I am sure the Government would have been most pleased to invite such a member to move or second the Address. Had I made such a request to some of my French Canadian friends to the left of the Speaker, they might not perhaps have responded with the alacrity which I desired. Consequently I selected the two most available men on this side of the House.

Honourable gentlemen, I join with my honourable friend the leader of the Oppo-