

gramme involves the creation of special dry docks, engineering establishments, armor plate rolling mills, steel forges, naval ordnance equipment, contractors' plant, supplies for contractors and a legion of tributary works whose output represents a capital outlay of hundreds of millions as absolutely wasteful and wicked as the liquor traffic or any other demoralizing employment. Six of the leading British armament companies have themselves a capital of \$137,500,000. On this subject a British correspondent of the *New York Evening Post* says: "A poor Englishman who makes ploughs would be laughed at if he invoked the love of country as a reason why we should give him more orders, but a millionaire who makes armor plating shamelessly appeals to the patriotism of the people for whom he caters; gets newspapers to denounce as traitors, idealists or madmen those who try to stop the growth of armament and gets an increasingly large section of the working classes into his net by employment at large wages."

THE DANGER TO CANADA.

Do we not see the danger confronting Canada if we create out of whole cloth great vested interests which will live and thrive upon the war spirit and which will weigh down the wage-earning community of our future nation with an increasing burden of wasteful expenditure? When one is met with the relentless logic of such a work as Norman Angell's "Great Illusion," one cannot fail to see that the interdependence of the financial and commercial interests of the world is bringing to a nearer realization the time predicted by the Prophets of old, when war shall be no more. It may be that another great conflict is due, but if so it will be accompanied with such a tempest of rebellion by the masses that wars thereafter shall be a practical impossibility. The very belief in the futility of war will help to do away with war, and Canada, which has until recent years maintained an almost stainless record in this respect, should do her utmost to discountenance the movements which tend to war. Canada is committed in this very year by the existing policy to an expenditure in round numbers of \$22,280,000, or practically twenty per cent. of the entire income of the country, for naval and military purposes, and yet the voters have not been consulted before embarking in this policy, the awful significance of which to the coming generation few of us realize. If Canada