

here as a Canadian looking forward—probably I will not see it—to the condition of things where Canada should have its flag waving over one of the best nations that Providence has given to this poor earth, a nation who will have accomplished its destiny, achieved its independence, maintaining its own rule without having shed one drop of blood. All other nations under the sun have achieved their present position, have won their liberty and obtained their independence by the sword and by the shedding of blood, but Canada to-day is one of the last countries on earth to become a nation, and what a glorious tribute it would be to the men of the day and to the men of the past that Canada should be a nation without the shedding of one single drop of blood. What a record to look back to. I am not in favour of militarism of any kind. I do not believe that God ever made one man to shoot down another, and that is what militarism is. I do not believe that God ever gave genius to construct ships to sink other ships and drown thousands of human beings. Those are the principles which guide me through life, and when the government of the present day or of tomorrow, asks me to vote millions of money for military purposes it goes to my heart and I hate to do it. When the government of the past and the government of the present day ask this country to vote thirty-five, fifty or one hundred millions for the purpose of constructing warships to be used in destroying human life, it hurts my heart to vote for it. We are a young nation, growing, thank God; we are in peace, in harmony with all nations, in peace at home, in harmony with all. We have no quarrel with France, Russia, Italy, Austria, or even the United States. No quarrel with the republics of South America, or Asia or Australia or Africa, although, God knows, down in Africa history will tell what Canada has done. Nobody will attack us on the field. Our commerce is as free at sea as it is on land—free as the birds passing through the air.

Hon. Mr. GORDON—Why?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Because we have no quarrel with anybody, and we do not place a chip on the shoulder for a man to knock it off. I will give the House another view

Hon. Mr. CLORAN.

of the situation, and I speak most deliberately. In the first place Canada's safety has been attributable to the protection of the British army and navy. I am not going to dispute that or discuss it, but I want to say here now, probably the first time in the history of this country for any public man to make the utterance, that Canada's danger lies in the fact that it is tied up with Downing Street politics, with the manufacturers of guns and with Irish and Scotch shipbuilders—that is where Canada's danger lies. And why? Because if the statesmen of Downing Street and the manufacturers of Birmingham and the shipbuilders of Belfast and the Clyde decide on a declaration of war for their own purpose, Canada becomes involved. We become a part of it through the declaration of war, and we have to stand the attacks that will be made against the English here in Canada just the same as in England. If the Downing Street statesmen, whether Liberal or Tory, or the manufacturers, the money makers of England, declare war, we have to be a party to that declaration, whether it be against Russia, France or any other sovereign power. Can hon. gentlemen not see the danger there? If Canada's destinies were not tied up with Downing Street policies or English manufacturer's interests, if they declared war against Russia that country would not come here to attack us because we would not be in the quarrel, and the same would apply in case of declaration of war against any other country. Even if the sovereign powers cared to attack Canada, notwithstanding its elimination from English powers or interests, there is a power which would say, 'Oh no, Canada is not in the quarrel.' No European power can place a soldier on our shores or fire a shot at sea against us without the United States saying 'No, it won't be done.' There would be our protection. But as long as we are tied up with Downing Street and the other interests in England, United States has nothing to do but permit us to be attacked by Russia, Japan or China, which probably, in a hundred years from now will be one of the mightiest nations on earth. There is a condition of affairs that the people of this country have not seen fully but which to my mind is and must be at the bottom of the political des-