

We mourn the loss of London's former representative, the kindly-disposed, genial and whole-souled Major Thomas Beattie. To know him was a pleasure, and his memory will always remain green in the hearts of his friends who knew him best.

Our friends of the Opposition, in the death of the late member for Westmorland, the Hon. Mr. Emmerson, have lost a valuable and honoured associate and the House one of its most faithful members. To them our sympathies are extended.

Canada is grateful to her soldiers who are to-day so valiantly upholding the honour of our country in far-off Europe, and also to those who are preparing to go in the near future. What an object lesson it is to those who predicted the disintegration of the Empire. The thanks of the Canadian people are due the men who gave their time in training and equipping over thirty thousand troops and despatching them to Salisbury Plain in such a short space of time. It was no sinecure, no easy matter, and it reflects great credit on all who with devotion to duty performed their part of the great work. All honour to the members of this House who have enlisted. The hopes and prayers of the Canadian people are with them all in their struggle for right and liberty, and may a kind Providence bring them back again to the land of the Maple Leaf, to their loved ones at home, and to their own firesides, with the knowledge and conviction so beautifully expressed by a Canadian poetess:

We wear no haughty tyrant's chain,
We bend no servile knee.
When to the mistress of the main
We pledge our fealty.

She binds us with the cords of love,
All others we disown;
The rights we owe to God above,
We yield to Him alone.

May He our future course direct
By His unerring hand,
Our laws and liberty protect,
And bless our native land.

Mr. H. ACHIM (Labelle) (Translation):
Mr. Speaker, had I been inclined to-day to indulge in lengthy considerations, the very conciseness of the speech from the Throne, the tone of which strikingly recalls that of a military oration, would have reminded me that this is the time for deeds, not for words.

However, it seems difficult to abstain from glancing back somewhat wistfully at the programmes of former sessions of this Par-

liament replete with measures of a nature to stimulate our economic progress, measures which in several cases have been carried out, while others necessarily must await the coming of better days. Our beloved country which was striding at a young giant's pace along the highway of progress, has been checked, it must be admitted, in its ascending march. But thank God, though at rest it is not dead by any means; for a moment at a standstill, it may be compared to the fighter who, with every muscle strained, takes in the situation and gathers his whole strength to overcome the obstacle. The obstacle which confronts us in the shape of the most unjust of wars, we shall overcome or destroy.

That staunch faith in our future, is inspired in me, Mr. Speaker, by the admirable way in which our people have undergone the strain of those six months of warfare. Of the various countries engaged in this war, is it not our own that has been the less affected from the economic standpoint?

The country districts in my province—and if my information be correct, the fact repeats itself elsewhere—have not given way under the impact, and it is certainly in such places that the motto: "Business as usual" is most thoroughly adhered to. Our country folk bear the brunt of recent developments with a serene face; they are not fearful of the present and look to the future with that assurance imparted by a conscience of youth and vigour.

"It's an ill wind that blows no good," and the increased demand for cereals and foodstuffs consequent on the war has brought about a rise in prices beneficial to them; while at the same time, by fostering the peaceful arts in the midst of bloody warfare, they are preparing to meet future demands by increased production in 1915.

The mechanic, the city workman, who is not so secure against temporary stringency as is the small farmer or capitalist, naturally were harder hit, but they hail with joy the rise of new industries, the necessary outcome of the new order of things. While factories have closed down, others have been started. The "Made in Canada" campaign, so energetically pushed on by this Government will no doubt cause other industries to spring into existence and instil patriotism into business ventures.

Those orders for supplies which have been directed our way through the skill of our representative in London and his business