

## A NATIONAL RESERVE IN DOMINION

Organization for the Defence of Canada Urged by Writer, Who Gives Utterance to Warning

The paths of duty are many. The writer believes it to be his duty to utter a warning which, however, he fears will be unheeded by that power at Ottawa in whose province comes the protection of the Dominion from internal or external foes.

It has been seen how long a time elapsed before Great Britain embarked on her present efficient organization of the national resources, more particularly in munitions, latterly (by the Registration Bill) in men and women. It is gradually becoming recognized—even in Canada—that this is a fight to death.

We need not here be concerned with the strength of the overseas contingents or with the methods of their despatch, but, just as in Britain the energies of the War Office were broadened into greater and imperatively necessary efficiency by the force of public opinion as expressed by an independent press, so there is need for a similar pressure to be brought upon the Militia Department at Ottawa in order that efficient safeguard may be provided for the defence of Canada.

The merchant does not expect his warehouse to be burned to-night, yet for years he has paid a premium for insurance against fire because there is one chance in ten thousand that his warehouse may be burned.

Canada may or may not expect an invasion or raid, but the chances of its concurrence are much more than one in a hundred. The premium she must pay for insurance against invasion is the organization at once of every effective fighting man and every prospective effective fighting man in the Dominion.

Many Canadians realized the possible danger a year ago and some still hope that they will be recognized and incorporated in a national organization. They know the danger but the Militia Department is heedless.

What is this possible danger? Is it greater than a year ago when our Pacific seaboard lay open to a raider?

Place yourself in the position of the German, born in Germany, trained in her army, inoculated with her

'kulture,' confident of her future, proud of being a German and scornful of those who are not. You are one of many thousands in the U.S.A. who, cut off from fighting for the Fatherland by the sea power of Britain, are boiling over with a desire to do what damage you may to Britain's cause.

Across the same 3,400 miles of border, which it is our boast is undefended by gun or fort, there lies the richest of Britain's overseas dominions. Her munition factories are working full blast, her fields are now yielding a bumper harvest of foodstuffs. Her trained manhood has been greatly depleted by the departure of overseas troops, her provision against possible invasion is unorganized and inadequate. Party still comes before country with the result that her people are still blind. Her internment of alien enemies is far from comprehensive and the proportion of sympathizers with the enemies of Britain increases with every departing troop-ship.

Were you a German in the U.S.A. would not the prospect of a raid or a conquest of Canada appeal to you?

Remembering the Kaiser's boast of his subjects in the great republic whose congeries of peoples is not yet welded into a nation—deny it as sections of Americans will—remembering also the deep laid plans of Germany for war and her marvellous system of organization in European countries where public restrictions are severe, it is not too bold a statement to venture that, whether the U.S.A. be drawn into the war or not, the Germans in America are organized and may act.

No premium is too great to pay for insurance against an attack, which, if successful or partially successful, would see repeated on Canadian soil the horrors of Belgium, and worse. No premium is too great to ensure the safe delivery on shipboard of the past year's harvest.

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The best way in which Germany can now strike at Britain overseas is through Canada. Have not we marked her improved submarines designed to lie off our ports? Have we not yet appreciated that in her world spun web of spies Canada has not been overlooked?

There is no chance—put it at one in a million if it pleases you—of an attack or raid on Canada. Commonsense suggests insurance. Commonsense suggests either the spurring into lusty life of the Reserve Militia committee appointed last May, or a more speedy action by the Militia Department in organizing first the trained men (of whom there are many thousands still in Canada) and next the training and organizing of every male capable of bearing arms. The trained men have only to be asked to do their duty. Their example will soon leaven the whole of manhood into an efficient force for home defence.

Unless action be taken at once the Militia Department will continue to take very grave chances. If the fire comes it will be too late to pay this comparatively simple and inexpensive premium. It will be too late to take out national insurance.—Hugh Savage.

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Power to Pass From London, is View of H. G. Wells—Assumes War Will Last Another Year—No Sign of End

London, August 3.—I will assume the war regime will continue for Europe at least another year. Neither side will, or can, give in until decisively beaten, and there is far less appearance now of any such decisive ending than there was a year ago when the Germans marched upon Paris and though they had Calais for the taking.

We have to clear our minds of the idea of possible internal collapse on either side. I will assume, too, that whatever happens, the United States will remain morally above the possibility of participation in the struggle.

One thing follows upon these assumptions. Almost inevitably the United States will take the financial sceptre out of the hands of London and become the country of rich men, a usurer country to which all other countries will be in debt. An exhausted Germany will face peace with no gold and an enormously depreciated paper currency.

France and Great Britain will be in a scarcely better position. For the necessary capital for peace recuperation, just as much as for war supplies, they must look to America. England will cease to be the fat land of the world. That doubtful privilege of fatness will pass across the Atlantic.

That does not mean the American common man will be any better off than at present. The rise in prices probably will make him practically worse off, but the American plutocrat will become the financial master of the world.

One of the practical consequences of the world's debt to America will be that imports will rise. There will be more prosperity and less stimulus in American life. The United States will, in fact, tend toward the pre-war conditions of Great Britain, and in many ways take her place in the world's affairs.

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