

if that money had been used for the enrichment of life rather than for its destruction. This man stated that the financial cost of the war was \$400,000,000,000; that such a sum could have provided for every family in the United States, Canada, Australia, the British isles, France, Belgium, Germany and Russia, a house worth \$2,500 with furniture worth \$1,000, on a piece of land worth \$500; for all cities of 20,000 and over a library worth \$5,000,000, and a university worth \$10,000,000, and that with the remainder there could have been established a fund which at five per cent would have provided \$1,000 a year for 125,000 teachers and 125,000 nurses. I venture to assert that if this money had been used for that purpose there would never have been a world war, and instead of a hell on earth there could now have been a virtual paradise of beautiful homes.

Another great contribution which Canada could make towards world peace would be to demonstrate that a nation becomes prosperous, not because she exports more than she imports, but because she distributes among her own people as much of her own goods as her own people desire to consume and exports only the real surplus, and that not until she has imported goods equivalent in value to that of her surplus. If Canada gave the lie to the so-called favourable balance of trade policy and the necessity for struggling and competing for foreign markets, she would have taught a lesson which the nations of the world could not very well ignore. Since the necessity for forcing our way into foreign markets would be obviated, great armies and navies to defend the hard-won foreign markets and to keep open against all comers these precious foreign trade routes would no longer be necessary. The job of the armament makers would vanish for lack of material to work on. When what I have suggested is done, instead of international distrust and suspicion, the nations of the world will find a basis for harmonious cooperation. Then, and not until then, will peace visit the earth.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I would say this: Let the prerogative of the crown be restored to parliament, and as a result of the exercising of that power let the peoples of the world discover that in comparison with population Canada has the largest number of beautiful homes. Let it be known that the occupants of Canadian homes are the most enlightened, the healthiest and the happiest people on earth, and it will not be long before the peoples of other countries will demand that their governments institute policies similar to those of Canada and thus avert a

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universal catastrophe. If the Liberal government had done last year what it led the people of Canada to believe it was going to do, we no doubt would at this time be enjoying the fruits of a policy such as I have suggested. But because they have not restored to government its sacred and sovereign right, and propose to finance appropriations for armaments with debt money, I intend to vote in favour of the amendment.

Mr. MAURICE BRASSET (Gaspé) (Translation): Mr. Speaker, following the many speeches we have listened to in this chamber, I do not intend to speak at any great length on this question. I merely wish to state why I shall vote to-morrow against the motion of the hon. member for Vancouver North (Mr. MacNeil) and why I shall also vote for the armament expenditures which the present government is submitting for our approval.

Mr. Speaker, I hesitated a long time before reaching this decision. I received from all sides, but particularly from large cities, resolutions adopted by people who presumed to dictate the stand to be taken by members of this house and I wondered whether the increased expenditure we were asked to approve was really necessary to ensure the security of our country.

However, the arguments advanced by those who spoke in this chamber against the increased outlay for armaments and the resolutions I received have not convinced me that the sum requested by the government is unnecessary.

I have greater faith, Mr. Speaker, in men such as the right hon. the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King), the leader of the province of Quebec, the hon. the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lapointe), and the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Mackenzie) than I have in all those organizations that ask us to vote on a question they do not even understand. Moreover, among the organizations that wrote to us and asked us to register our vote, the most serious minded did not ask us to vote against the proposed military outlays. I hold in my hand a resolution passed by the Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste, of Montreal, which merely asks us to vote so that the necessary expenditures shall be applied to the defence of Canada properly speaking, within its territorial limits. As I see it, we were asked to vote a sum of money merely for the territorial defence of Canada and we were not asked to approve the expenditure of a single cent for empire defence. Moreover, we were told our armaments had to be more up to date. We were told of the necessity of increasing our