

the fear that took possession of us for a time: when we remember the call that went forth to all the world to join in the battle for freedom; when we remember that from among ourselves there went out young men who had known nothing about war, it is not surprising that we wondered at that time whether, when the great trial came in actual battle, our young men would prove equal to the demands that would be made upon them. It was but natural that such a thought should enter our minds, for our boys had had no experience of such events as they were soon called upon to participate in. But when the time came and they were actually face to face with the enemy, they proved, Mr. Speaker, as I believe it will be proved again and again in human history, the falsity of that old Satanic cynicism that "all that a man hath will he give for his life." And should such occasion arise again our men would undoubtedly give similar proof that there are things men hold dearer than life when, in the course of their days, they are called upon to make great decisions, not for life, not for personal honour, nor for glory, but for the cause of God and the cause of right. Our Canadian boys fully met that demand that was made upon them. In all ages men have been pleased to set up stones of commemoration to remind their children of the deeds performed by their forefathers. And for centuries to come there will stand on Vimy Ridge a stone of remembrance to which the French people of future generations will point their children and say: Here is the place where men from far over the seas came in order that they might help us preserve not only for France, not only for Europe, but for the whole world, the great benefits which have been won for us and which we enjoy through our civilization of to-day. Again, Mr. Speaker, let me say it is a proud moment in my life to be able to associate myself with this resolution.

Mr. J. G. ROBICHAUD (Gloucester) (Translation): Mr. Speaker, I feel that I cannot allow this occasion to pass by without making the voice of the Acadian people heard. If, in the past, the Canadian people had misgivings and underwent sufferings, we, in Acadia, received the crown of martyrdom, and this is the reason why I feel it is my duty to say at least a word in behalf of our dear Acadia.

When the trumpet sounded summoning all the civilized nations of the world to take part in the great war, the Acadians from the Maritime provinces answered the call. In the county of Gloucester, which I have the honour to represent in this House, whole villages

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answered the call of the Motherland. For instance, in a village numbering twenty-two young men, twenty had fought overseas while the other two had been found unfit for military service.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me much pleasure to mingle my humble voice with those—far more eloquent—we have just heard in order to second this resolution, and, in the future, when the Acadians together with the other elements of the Canadian population will visit "la belle France", they will find there, as it was so happily expressed by the speaker who preceded me, a diminutive fatherland which they can admire.

Motion agreed to.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING thereupon moved:

That a message be sent to the Senate informing Their Honours that this House has adopted a resolution approving the Government's acceptance of the gift made by the Government of France of a tract of land on Vimy Ridge for the erection of a monument commemorating the exploits of Canadian soldiers in the Great War, and requesting that Their Honours will unite with this House in the approval of the said acceptance by filling up the blanks therein with the words "Senate and"

Motion agreed to.

COLD STORAGE ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. W. R. MOTHERWELL (Minister of Agriculture) moved that the House go into committee to consider the following proposed resolution:

That it is expedient to amend the Cold Storage Act, chapter six of the statutes of 1907, and to provide that the Governor in Council may enter into contracts with properly constituted co-operative societies or associations, for the construction, equipment and maintenance in efficient working order of public cold storage warehouses in Canada equipped with mechanical refrigeration, and suitable for the preservation of any food product.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General has been made acquainted with the subject matter of the resolution and recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Motion agreed to, and House went into committee, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The bill to be introduced shortly, based upon this resolution, is an amendment to the Cold Storage Act of 1907 and the amendments thereto. The act provided for certain subsidies to encourage the construction of cold storage plants throughout Canada. During the first few years after its enactment very little advantage was taken of these subsidies. However, as the people become more familiar with the act, and less fearful of cold storage, advantage was taken