

so rapidly that you would be very much surprised to see what we are doing and have done.

Do you know that when the War broke out there never had been a fuse made in Canada? Do you know that we went to work, organized, made fuses, shells and explosives and during the last six months of the Great War we furnished fifty per cent of all the eighteen pound explosive shells used by the British Army? (Applause)

Our foreign trade for the last year has been in the neighborhood of twenty-one hundred million dollars. Perform the pencil operation on that as well and you will find that our foreign trade stands as high or higher than that of any country of the world per head of our population.

The estimated organized wealth of Canada today is in the neighborhood of seventeen billion dollars. Perform the pencil operation on that again. Some of you American-Canadians, or Canadian-Americans and some of the people of the United States have been making a great stir as to the necessity of branching out in trade with South America. Well, you trade with South America! During the last seven months, if my memory serves me right, you put up to us a bill of five hundred and forty millions of dollars for goods we have bought in the United States and you have only sold three hundred millions of dollars worth to all South America that you make such a splutter about, and you have only sold four-hundred and seventy-five millions of dollars worth to the whole of Asia that you are pushing so hard for and here your little neighbor to the north gives you an order for five-hundred and forty million dollars in seven months. And Canada always pays her bills. And yet ungracious that you are, when I come down here and give you a good Canadian dollar you dock me ten cents on it. (Laughter)

Canada did something in her War effort. I am just touching matters lightly here and there. Canada didn't stop one single moment when the peril showed itself in 1914. Her answer was given before it was asked, "We are ready! We are willing!" When the question, "When?" was put, she replied, "Now!" (applause) She didn't wait to be educated! Not a bit of it. We sprang to the front for two reasons. One was that we were part and parcel