

we would have no country; we would either be with the United States or Germany—and I think of the two I would rather take Germany. (Great laughter.) Now, it is just as well for us Canadians to think over all these things. (Hear, hear.) If the battle went against us we would turn around and say to our politicians, "Why didn't you double your national debt and build ships and save us? You are the people that should have thought it out. You are the people that should have looked ahead. You are the people that should have made the preparation." And I think that we would all of us feel that our politicians had been too timid, and that if they had come out boldly and asked the people of Canada to put their hands in their pockets and to pledge their credit and put debts upon their posterity in order to secure freedom for their posterity, I believe that the people of this country would be satisfied. (Hear, hear.) But we have always had to fight against the timidity of our politicians. I remember forty odd years ago, when we wanted to get the Northwest Territories into this country. I can remember as a young man then belonging to the Canada First party, the tremendous fight that we had to get that in. We were told that \$1,500,000 was too much to give for a country that was no use for anything except bringing up fur-bearing animals. We were told that the country never would be any good, that we would