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## WAR HAS JUSTIFIED LAURIER'S POLICIES

W. L. Mackenzie King Ad-  
dresses Ontario Reform  
Association.

### NO CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT

Party Truce Emphasized by Mr.  
King—Jap Friendship  
Was Fostered.

There is a truce to party strife. That was the point which the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, president of the General Reform Association for Ontario, emphasized in his annual address delivered to the association at Toronto to-day, and after repeating that declaration, which had been made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the name of the Liberal party of Canada, Mr. King wished to make it perfectly plain just what that implied, so far as the party in Ontario is concerned.

After recalling that the policy agreed upon at the outset of the war had stipulated that nothing would be done calculated to excite partisan dissension, or to embarrass the Government at an hour of supreme moment for Canada, the president pointed out that in adopting this course Liberalism in Canada is not abandoned in any particular any of its policies, whether of trade, tariff, or finance, which it sought to enforce while in power. On the contrary, he believed that existing conditions have shown, as nothing else could possibly have done, the wisdom and patriotism of these policies. Neither could it be assumed that the present administration has so improved as to be above criticism in its management of the nation's affairs. It is simply that Canadians will everywhere recognize that this is no time for party divisions, party debates, and party struggles, which, Mr. King hinted, could be taken up with propriety later on.

The president was proud of the party's long history of statesmanship which were calculated to strengthen materially the bond of friendship with the United States, and to win for consumers and producers alike the widest possible markets. That had been the policy of Liberalism. But in an even more pointed way the present emergency has demanded service to the British Empire. In any nothing of the senses of security and pride at home) which a Canadian-owned fleet might have rendered, a fleet which might have been controlled on principles identical with those set forth in the Liberal resolutions in 1909. The president has shown, Mr. King added, especially to those who were strong in their denunciation of the Liberal Government at the time, the great wisdom and patriotism of their policies with respect to Japan and Canadian-Japanese relations in the far east generally.

Mr. King stated that out of the experiences and sacrifices of war there would come greater toleration and less bitterness between the political parties in Canada, each respecting the other's opinions on domestic matters, and as regard international relations and obligations. Agreement among all parties in Canada is what is demanded by the terrible condition of affairs in Europe, so that, as citizens of the British Empire, we may more effectively assist in meeting the needs of the Empire in its crisis, and substantially lessen the ever-increasing burden.

There was one place the president declared, where all Canadians may join hands, and that is in extending sympathy and help to destitute Belgians. For the hosts of men sacrificed, there would be even greater hosts of women and children left to wander in exile, homeless, in distress. Canada is a broad country. Why cannot homes be found for those exiles here? It is fair to England, endangered as she is, to allow her to bear this burden of human life alone. A further obligation devolving upon Canadian public men is to immediately effect closer trade relations between Canada and the mother country. German patents are no longer protected in the United Kingdom. Reconstruction is on the way. Let Canada boom.