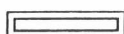


THE OUTLOOK IN CANADA

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THE TASK and purpose of Canada, now and always, is to defeat the enemy. For two years we have held our lines and made our preparation; now we know by the test of events themselves that if we but endure we can in the end achieve that purpose. But victory is to be gained only by unsparing devotion and unremitting effort on the part of all. So much at least is demanded by the glorious memory of our dead and by the cause to which they consecrated their lives. The prime duty of Canadian manhood is to aid the Government in dispatching adequate forces to the front. But those engaged in the production of munitions and all the material of war will realize that in a very direct sense they are contributing to the actual prosecution of operations in the field; and they should constantly ask themselves whether there is any possible further effort which they can make to carry out Canada's purpose. So also those who are carrying on the agricultural, commercial and industrial activities of the Dominion will recognize that on the stability and quality of their achievement our ultimate victory is no less dependent and will do their utmost to adapt themselves to the conditions imposed upon the country by the direct necessities of the war.

As for the future the new problems and conditions to be met are varied, complex, and in some aspects incalculable. But earnest consideration and preparation can do much. Already special means are being devised whereby the machinery of the state may be employed to assist in meeting these problems; and those who are responsible will not shrink from taking further like steps in extending the justifiable functions of the state. But the Canadian people will realize that they also have a duty and a function quite as essential, and that upon their comprehension, their efforts and their willingness to co-operate, the future of the Dominion depends.

When the carter called upon Hercules for aid, the divinity appeared and invited him to put his own shoulder to the wheel. I have alluded to this legend before; its moral is one which I am confident will appeal to the genius of the Canadian people.

May I, therefore, say that your project for a special "Trade Revival and Expansion" edition of The Journal of Commerce seems peculiarly commendable.

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