

glad to learn that Kent was not behind in that respect. Dr. Holmes was kind enough to send me one or two publications of the Kent Historical Society, which I read with the greatest of interest. The work, while it may be regarded as faddy and in the category of numismatics and "bugology," is of great importance to us as a nation. When Canada ceases to forget its traditions, the efforts of her pioneers and the conditions under which they labored to make possible what we enjoy to-day, then she will have parted with an asset of inestimable value in directing the destinies of a country, great in possibilities, it is true, but whose course in the future is beset with many dangers. When we forget the religion of work, of honest service, of thrift, of endurance in well-doing, of those public and private rights for which our fathers fought, of independence of spirit and self-reliance, and of loyalty to our country and Empire, then we shall let go our sheet anchor and drive before the wind without a rudder. To-day we are threatened with dangers of which we did not dream of as imminent four years ago and the public mind is being distracted and disturbed by conflicting forces and tendencies, at the bottom of which, if carefully analyzed, are, in the main, loose thinking, confused moral perceptions and intense class selfishness. We must get back to sane methods of thought and honest work. We must begin again to steer by the light that led our Canadian ancestry in the direction of a sure goal, or there may come a catastrophe greater than the French Revolution, because, like the war, it will be world-wide in its nature.

I must conclude and thank you for coupling my name along with the toast of the Club. It is an honour I shall always remember and appreciate and I wish the Club success during all our own lives and success continued long after we have ceased to take an earthly interest in its past purposes and its present bright prospects.