

Conference that the award of titles and honours will not be accepted by the people of this country in lieu of our financial claims.

### **WARNING TO DOWNING STREET**

The distribution of titles and honours has usually proved a balm to Canada's wounded pride when Imperial interests have necessitated the Dominion should bear the brunt of any particular sacrifice. This we have loyally assented to, even in the case of the Alaska boundary, when Lord Alverstone's written decision was actually given awarding all that Canada claimed, but which was subsequently withdrawn at the dictation of the British Foreign Office, and an award substituted in every particular to suit the contentions of the United States government. With the greatest possible respect Downing Street is now asked to consider the interests of the Dominion in this matter to be of paramount importance, and to insist upon the Central Powers recognizing and paying Canadian indemnity to the full extent of expenditure and future liabilities. The loyalty and sacrifices of Canada deserve this consideration. I would say to Sir Robert Borden and his Canadian colleagues at the Conference, "Show your courage, now or never," and to Downing Street, "Don't do it again."

Perhaps this injunction to Downing Street is unnecessary. But it is better that the inferential warning be given. British statesmen are thoroughly convinced that the sacrifices of Canada have been great. The only reasonable conclusion to be arrived at in comparing Germany's ability to pay the enormous war liabilities incurred by Canada, and the Dominion's ability to carry the burden, is obvious.

### **LIVING IN A FOOL'S PARADISE**

If ever a country was living on false expectations Canada is at this moment. National Micawbers are in evidence everywhere. Other nations are preparing for the inevitable financial stringency. We are eating, drinking and making merry, carelessly indifferent that this cannot go on forever. With much "talkee-talkee" we promise the public an immigration boom