

SITUATION CRITICAL! STAND UNITED FOR VICTORY

It is well to bear in mind how critical the situation is not only from a military point of view but from an internal point of view. There can be no doubt that the Allies had and still have the necessary resources for victory. The weakness has been within our own ranks. Russia goes down. Others are trembling. Within the Empire are many discordant notes. Murmuring, complaints, jealousies, greed, party strife, all reveal dangerous possibilities. The psychology of a nation teaches profound possibilities and altogether sudden developments. In almost the twinkling of an eye France leaps into the frenzy of the Revolution. Russia does it now. The United States break into civil war over a principle. Religious wars have swept Europe again and again. In these days when old foundations are being broken up, and wild fancies fill many minds, and suffering and agony lead to despair, anything is not only possible, but wisdom suggests that the situation be faced ere it is too late. The one question is a moral and spiritual one. Can our national life stand up to this ordeal strong, clear and triumphant? Can our people face their tasks in hope and confidence? Can we throughout the Empire stand united for victory? Can Canada finish this war with the courage, optimism, self-sacrifice and idealism which marked its opening? Or shall we divide, grow commercial, become selfish, and then turn our backs upon the liberties of the world?

HOW VOTE?: EACH ONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

What can each do. One thing. Remember our blood-bought privileges. Let your light shine. Each can develop the heroic spirit. There is an obligation resting upon each. It is that he and she will give every ray of light, every aspect of truth, every particle of energy toward the building up of a worthy spirit. I am not concerned so much with the material side of our life as with the moral and spiritual. This is a costly business. If men are not patriotic and willing to pay the price then the country will be governed and its ideal determined by others who have selfish ends to serve. Our Lord calls us to righteousness and service in the interests of the highest. We need a noble life as the first requisite in the discharge of our national obligations. I am not concerned with party so much as with principle and character. Every man must face his own responsibility. Every man is under obligation to make his contribution to the life of humanity. It is not my business to say how any man should vote. That is every man's sacred privilege, and he alone must decide. It is my business to declare that every man is under obligation to act in the light of truth, of righteousness, of God, of eternity, of the judgment. This applies to every party and every question. Each man must decide the way by which he can best let his light shine. I do not judge any man. Every man judges himself by what he does. It is our people recognize the obligations in this struggle, if they seek to promote the glory of God and the good of the Empire and the world, if they stand for the highest against the lowest, Canada will develop a type which will worthily endure until the Kingdom of God dominates all our activities.

SHALL WE KEEP FAITH WITH HEROIC DEAD?

There is one consideration which comes with unique force. It seems to overshadow all others. We have sent a large army to the front and the record of its valor will shine undimmed as long as the name of Canada lives. We pledged that army our support. We told

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