

OFFERING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE,

if they should desire to accept it, a hospital of fifty beds which we will be prepared to acquire, equip and maintain. The proposal has been put forward through Mr. Perley, as acting High Commissioner, who had been instructed to ascertain the wishes of the French Government with regard thereto. I believe a similar proposition has been made by the British Government to the French Government. But in the appalling stress and pressure of affairs which confront the Government of France at present, the British Government have not been able to obtain an answer to their own request, and so we have not been able to obtain an answer to ours. But I thought it desirable that I should here publicly state that the Government of Canada, with the approval of Parliament which I am sure will not be withheld, are prepared to establish, equip and maintain, in Paris or elsewhere, a hospital, making provision for fifty beds for the comfort of those who may be wounded in the war.

NO COURAGE BE FOUND WANTING.

The leader of the Opposition has alluded to the uncertainty of human events, and particularly events such as are before us in the great war which now confronts the empire. True, the future is shrouded in uncertainty, but I believe that the people of Canada look forth upon it with steadfast