

idly become intolerable. What will happen to the many women who have filled the places of men during the war? How can we put to ordinary uses the skill in organization, engineering, invention, workmanship, division and co-ordination of labour learned in making munitions of war? How can we preserve the new relations between the state, the employer and labour and thus begin to build a better social structure than the world has ever known? How can we preserve the present conviction that production is a duty to the state as well as to the individual, that personal expenditure has a relation to the state as well as to the individual and that extravagance may be a national crime even if we are able to pay for it? How can we preserve that attitude of mind which now gives money freely for anything connected with the conduct of the war, so that war taxes for a generation to come will be the cheerful offering of a people thankful for liberty preserved and for the blessings of a peace which was otherwise impossible?

It is easy to ask questions especially as I do not intend to try to answer them. What I wish to impress on all university men is that upon the good or bad solutions of these and other cognate problems will depend the future of Canada and that from the men of our universities more than from any other source will be provided the leadership under which good or bad solutions will be found. If this is true, every suggestion that is made regarding the duty of Canada after the war—and the air is filled with them—should be studied most carefully and promptly so that we may not be unprepared when our boys come home.

Our responsibilities are enormous. We have been put in charge of one-third of the British Empire in area. We have in racial origin, land, climate, laws, society, industrial energy and moral quality such an opportunity as has seldom come to any people. We are the greatest hope of the home-seeker in the world. If we will turn the energy we have shown in the war to the building of that Canada which our elements are intended to produce, we shall show the world a nation such as history has not yet recorded. This is not boasting—this is said in deep humility. I am sure that all the cards are in our hands and I hope we may learn how to play them and thus win the greatest game since the foundations of society were laid.