

country to fight. They do not voice the opinion of those who are loyal to this country and to the Empire which protects us. I have not much patience with that sort of talk, or with pacifists who say, "We will sit still and let others do the fighting." That is not the spirit which built up this country. That is not the spirit of the great French nation, which has been standing shoulder to shoulder with the British Empire, and which throughout history fought and defended itself loyally and well when it had to do so. I know, and honourable members know, the sentiments which have prevailed here in Canada among the descendants of that race and among the members of the Anglo-Saxon race, whether of English, Scotch or Welsh descent. The same spirit that animated our forefathers animates us to-day.

I do not want to see war, but I do want to see this country prepared to do its share if necessity should arise. I do not want to see a single citizen of Canada fighting on foreign shores, but I do want to see every loyal citizen prepared to defend his own shores if that should become necessary.

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Far as it may seem from probability, it is nevertheless possible that we shall have to fight on our shores in defence of this Canada of ours. There is a very strong power on the Pacific, a very energetic power, well armed and with a navy and an army among the finest in the world. It has a population which is confined to a very small area, and it is looking for new lands on which to settle its people.

Hon. Mr. CANTLEY: They are increasing at the rate of a million a year.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Yes; more than that. As the Japanese population on the mainland grows—I may as well speak plainly—to whom are we to look for the protection of our Pacific coast, or our Atlantic coast for that matter, if we do not look to the British Navy? Are we to say that the United States will protect us? Not at all. If there were no British Navy the United States could not protect us.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: It is only the British Navy, with the help of the United States and what we can do ourselves, that will make us safe against the aggression of some foreign power that wants to occupy these fertile lands of ours.

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We ought to have sufficient protection on each of our coasts to take care of immediate eventualities. With our small population and limited means we could not hope to defend ourselves for any length of time; but we must have some means of protecting ourselves and holding our shores until the British Navy or some other navy can come to our assistance. We want destroyers, yes; but we want more than those. We want an up-to-date fleet of submarines. Our docks at Halifax and Esquimaux should be ready to take care of our own ships, or those of the British fleet when it comes.

We do not need a large army. Nobody wishes more than I do that we did not need an army at all. Nevertheless, we should have an active nucleus which would be sufficient to protect us until we got assistance from outside. I do not like to talk Jingoism, and that is not my intention, but I think we ought to stop this constant talk of peace, peace, peace. No other nation is talking of it. I am simply saying—and I think my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Lacasse) will agree with me—that we should be in a position to hold up our heads and look into the faces of our brothers of the Homeland, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, and the rest of the Empire. We should be in a position to say to Great Britain, "We are not as big as you are, but we realize that we owe a duty to the Empire, and we are prepared to do our part." So far as that goes, I am entirely in accord with the sentiments expressed by my right honourable leader (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen) yesterday, and by the Minister of Defence. I am glad to see that he is moving in what I think is the right direction, under the guidance of his Government. I congratulate the honourable the leader opposite (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) as a member of the Cabinet, for I am sure that he gives the Minister of Defence every support.

Hon. CAIRINE WILSON: Honourable gentlemen, after the dramatic words of the honourable senator from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Haig) I hesitate somewhat in rising to make an explanation. I do so because I think I am possibly the only member of this Chamber who is also a member of a local Home Improvement Association.

I was somewhat surprised when I heard the right honourable leader of the Opposition (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen) make the statement that the Government had advanced the sum of \$50,000,000 with a view to allowing the banks to lend this money. The maximum the Government has guaranteed under its plan is 15 per cent of \$50,000,000, which would