

And they understand too late that it is the law of Heaven that the world is given to the hardy and self denying, whilst he who wouldst escape the duties of manhood will soon be stripped of the pride, the wealth, and the power which are the prizes which manhood brings." Biology and history show that the weak go to the wall. Let us be strong!

HOW DID THE GREAT WAR FIND CANADA?

Willing and anxious to do her duty, but unable to through lack of preparation. Unprepared in every way, or not completely prepared in any branch or department. The high percentage of manhood physically unfit.

The lack of preparation found every Canadian unit, formation and staff improvised; equipment unsuitable and insufficient; good material wasted in early stages of war through voluntary system of recruiting. No matter what system appertains in peace, in war we must have national service from the outset.

UPON WHOM DOES THE BLAME REST?

Upon the Canadian people; blame cannot be put upon government. In most countries governments are worthy of the people.

HOW WAS IT THAT CANADIANS DID SO WELL WHEN THEY STARTED BADLY HANDICAPPED?

Militia of Canada gave personnel; up-to-date equipment secured from Motherland; protected by Motherland until war troops were organized and trained; experienced commanders and staff officers lent us by the Motherland; attachment for training to British units. Canadian national aptitude for war, resourceful, observant.

Debt we owe Lord Byng. He developed our Canadian leaders, Sir Arthur Currie; developed our natural aptitude for war; Canada owes much to him; Canadian Staff officers developed by him lent to British. The longer the war went on the better grew the reputation of Canadians as good soldiers. Esteem of allies and fellow British was most gratifying.

Canada's effort compared to New Zealand and Australia—we come third, in point of numbers in relation to population.

Are we a full grown nation and able to become a full active partner in the empire and shoulder our fair share of the preparation necessary for the preservation of peace—with no holding back?

WHAT WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR IN FUTURE.

Liberty—Dear to all Britishers and right to develop Canada within the empire; to trade. Integrity of empire; Assistance to threatened sister nations. Let there be no secession.

“Be welded each and all unto one Imperial Whole;
One with Britain heart and soul;
One life, one flag, one throne,
Britons hold your own! (Tennyson).

Protection of weak nations.

Preservation of honour.

Disastrous as war is there are things worse: Bolshevism; loss of liberty; loss of honour; disintegration of empire.

SECURE THE PEACE.

I give you the choice of two mottoes for you to teach your sons.

1. I serve (my country).
2. Be prepared (to do your duty). Boy Scout motto.