

understood that the "infamous proposition" would cause this generous people to revolt, and that all faction would cease from end to end of the Empire from the instant that he gave the choice between an honourable war and a dishonourable peace.

From the very outbreak Sir Wilfrid Laurier and all the opposition, of which he is the leader, gave the prime minister their unreserved support for the formation of an expeditionary corps to be immediately sent to Europe. The Canadian contingent was fixed at 20,000 men. Canada has since sent 10,000 more men. The expeditionary corps was composed of 31,200 men, 7,500 horses and 300 cannons. "We can obtain 100,000 men," has said Col. S. Hughes concerning this subject, "as easily as we send this contingent." The regiment of Princess Patricia (daughter of the Duke of Connaught), composed a part of the first contingent, with infantry, artillery, the Stratheona Horse, and the Royal Canadian Dragoons. 5,000 French-Canadians are ready to enlist. These men are all ready to make soldiers, and good soldiers; they know how to use a rifle and to ride a horse; they are men of initiative and decision. It is not only soldiers that are being sent from Canada; some very appreciable donations in goods, cereals and food of all kinds are being exported from all parts. Canadians are preparing for a long war. Throughout Ontario the farmers are making exceptional preparations. Fields which for many years were in pasture are ploughed up and fall wheat has been sown. Ontario will produce, next year, a harvest of wheat 50 per cent. greater than in preceding years, destined solely for the Mother Country.

Subscriptions are open everywhere; among others, I make mention of that of Canadian women who have collected more than \$364,500, destined especially for the war office and the admiralty.

Newfoundland follows our example; she immediately doubled the number of men given to the "Royal Naval Reserve," and sent a corps of troops to the front.

England's call has raised great enthusiasm in Australia. All classes of citizens have offered money, provisions and personal service. Patriotic subscriptions opened in all cities and towns have gathered, in a few days, more than \$2,000,000. Sheep, cattle, horses, motorcars and aeroplanes have been given in large numbers. More than \$300,000 have been given to aid those suffering in Belgium, and measures have been taken to give lodging to a large number of