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Warning by Prime Minister King of Danger If Efforts For Peace Fail

In Message To Canadian People He Links Remembrance Day
With Peace Action Week And Urges Public Support
Of Poppy Day Campaign. Other Messages.

Early failure of efforts to effect world peace is fraught with possibilities of "unparalleled disaster to mankind," Prime Minister Mackenzie King said yesterday in an Armistice Day message to the Canadian people.

Linking the annual service of remembrance on Nov. 11 with the peace campaign instituted by the League of Nations Society in Canada, the Prime Minister appealed for the development of "an interested and enlightened public opinion on matters affecting international friendship and goodwill."

Three provincial premiers added their voice to that of the Prime

Minister in asking that Canadian sacrifice of the war years be remembered as a pledge to work for elimination of armed conflict. They were Hon. Angus L. Macdonald, Nova Scotia; Hon. A. A. Dysart, New Brunswick, and Hon. W. J. Patterson, Saskatchewan.

The message of Mr. Mackenzie King:

"Remembrance Day has become an institution in our national life. It is a time of commemoration and of inspiration. It was born of the ideals and the sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Great War. It speaks to us of the past; it speaks to us also of the present, and of the future

"It is most appropriate that the Poppy Day campaign should coincide, as it does this year, with Peace Action Week. Two decades ago the poppy had its immediate association with the fields of battle. It has now become a symbol of commemoration and of service in the ways of peace. It is the visible evidence of our homage to those whose lives were sacrificed in the Great War. It offers at the same time the means by which we may share in an immediate and practical way in helping those who survived but still suffer from the shocks of war.

"Peace Action Week seeks to develop in Canada an interested and enlightened public opinion on matters affecting international friendship and goodwill. It aims at uniting all who desire peace in an effort to bring into being a world at peace. That surely was the supreme aim of those who served and suffered, and of those whose lives were sacrificed in the Great War.

"A world at peace is obviously the great need of today. As to the future, it must be apparent that early failure of efforts to effect this end is fraught with possibilities of unparalleled disaster to mankind.

"The suffering and destruction which we are at present witnessing on two continents, as a part of the very nature of war, serve the more vividly to recall the sacrifice of the four long years of struggle, and the ideals of peace and security for which those sacrifices were so valiantly made.

"Remembrance Day speaks of the enduring place earned for themselves in the mind and heart of our country by all who served in the Great War. It speaks particularly of our continuing obligation toward the dependents of those who suffered and died, and especially toward those who returned maimed and enfeebled in health. To many of this number, the purchase of poppies and wreaths for Remembrance Day is 'a very present help in time of need.'"

Premier Macdonald.
Recalling the sorrow of Armis-

tice Day, Mr. Macdonald declared that the memory of the dead laid upon the living "the stern duty of striving for peace."

"In the world of today," he said, "the task is not easy; but we may not call it hopeless."

The League of Nations Society would do a commendable work if it assisted Canadian citizens to discharge with goodwill and intelligence "their responsibilities in the troubled affairs of the community of nations."

Premier Dysart.

Mr. Dysart approved the society's work and bespoke for it "the wholehearted and enthusiastic support of every man and woman throughout this Dominion."

"We are a peace-loving people and as a part of that great British Empire with its world-wide influence, it is our duty and obligation to demonstrate to the world that the happiness and well-being of mankind may be promoted only through understanding among the various peoples and nations and the friendly discussion of differences," said Mr. Dysart.

"The human race is, after all, one great family, closely related in kinship and destined to the same eternity. Each of us, whether white, black, yellow or brown, is pre-destined to a short existence and the spirit of brotherhood should direct us to live in harmony one with another so that each may have his full share of the bounty Nature has provided.