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A NATIONAL POLICY

An Address delivered by Sir John Willison, at Galt, on Wednesday, July 17th, 1918.

It is often suggested in the press or from the platform that while the war lasts we should not consider the conditions that will exist or the problems that will demand attention when peace is restored. If that be good advice for Canada it is advice that no other country seems willing to accept. If the British Empire had not neglected preparation for war as we in Canada are often advised to neglect preparation for peace the German armies would not be within thirty or forty miles of Paris. It is certain that Germany is thinking beyond the war into the era of reconstruction. According to Mr. Gerard, who was American ambassador at Berlin during the first years of the war, scores of vessels

are building in German shipyards for oversea trading as soon as the seas are open to German commerce. There is more or less conclusive evidence that German agents are accumulating stores of raw material necessary for German industries in neutral countries. The leaders in German industry and finance are planning for a more effective organization of German factories, for greater production with disciplined labor, and for the most complete co-operation under State control between exporters and the shipping companies. Definite organization of the textile, rubber, leather and other industries has been effected. The iron industries are establishing a great Research Institute at their