

I would also say that no man and no group of men and no nation can live in luxury while others are living in abject poverty, for there are the seeds of war.

Our delegation to the San Francisco conference, of course, should prepare thoroughly, thinking not of Canada only but in terms of the whole world. They should emphasize things that the nations have in common and forget the petty differences. We have plenty of things in common that stand out—our belief in the Divine Creator; the need for every man to eat and live and have his children educated and have a fair degree of comfort; the need for freedom to worship as we desire.

When the peace conference is called I hope the women will be represented there, indeed that every interest will be represented. I know I have my bias but I would say that labour has qualified for a position at the peace table.

It has been my sad privilege, Mr. Speaker, to visit many homes in the Thunder Bay district afflicted by casualties. I remember three days, one after the other, when I visited ten homes a day. I saw a husband standing beside his wife whose boy of great promise had been taken, and I listened to the wife saying to us, "Dan, do you think the peace will be worth it?" I wonder how you would answer that woman! I had my answer. There are two answers to that. First, I said, "If our boys and Canada and the United States had not gone into this war we would not be here to-day as we are now, because Germany would be in Canada." The other answer is, "The peace will be worth while provided that we build it upon a foundation that does not give way." I dare quote, Mr. Speaker, from the greatest book in all history, a book that took over a thousand years to write, whose contributors have been the greatest men in every age, and whose truth is infallible. I do not say that the book itself is infallible because we could burn it, but I do say that the truth that this old book contains is infallible and I dare to quote from it to-day.

We hear at Christmas time a great deal about the coming of the Prince of Peace. We have all heard in all our churches throughout the length and breadth of Canada of the only foundation upon which a peace that will endure can be built. I am convinced that that foundation is the teachings and character of the Peacemaker himself. You will find the principles laid down in his first sermon, what you might call the speech from the throne. There you will find laid down the principles upon which the peace conference should be founded, and I am sure that if the delegates

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take into account the principles of the Prince of Peace, a peace will be built that will last. The Peacemaker sums up by saying that the man who builds upon the sands—it may be the sands of education only, it may be the sands of fame or ambition, it may be the sands of money, love of power, property—when the storm comes the superstructure will be swept away, but a house built upon the Rock of Ages will stand the test of time, and I hope that a peace will be built upon that rock because it is the only kind of peace that will last.

The Peacemaker outlines the principles, the foundation of the new kingdom, the new social order, if you like to call it that, which we are to have after the war. He says that they that live by the sword shall perish by the sword.

Take Hannibal, Nero, Napoleon, Hitler or any other would-be world conqueror—every one of them has had to learn that the man or nation that lives by the sword shall perish by the sword. I can hear the historian telling of how Napoleon said, "Talk not to me of Providence, for Providence is on the side of the heaviest battalions." But Napoleon lived to rue the day because he found that Providence was not on the side of his great battalions but on the side of the soft white snowflakes of Russia that froze half a million of his men in their saddles or where they lay upon the ground. Hitler had the largest and best equipped army in the world. Why did he not sweep into England when there was not enough ammunition there to keep the soldiers of Britain fighting one hour? I would say that it was in answer to the prayers of a Christian people in a Christian world. It was due to Divine intervention, just as it was in a time of crisis in the last great war.

Then He tells us how to deal with your enemy. Bless them and curse not, He says. Hon. members will agree that that is not so easy. You have to be completely unselfish to love even your political enemies in this house and to ask for a blessing upon them.

Then we have His statement about those who will not cooperate in the building up of the kingdom of peace. We remember His saying, "Neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you." Did we not have a perfect example of that when Chamberlain as Prime Minister of Britain journeyed twice to see Hitler as leader of Germany in an effort to avoid war? But what did Hitler do? He trampled the arguments of Chamberlain under foot and prepared to rend England into smithereens. And it did not do him any good.