

Spirit of Patriotism

"The credit for this wonderful achievement is due, of course, primarily to the splendid spirit of patriotism pervading the great Canadian people—never so great as during the struggle and sacrifice of this awful war. Once again and more unmistakably than ever they have proclaimed to the world through the Victory Loan their essential unity of purpose and determination to persevere until final and conclusive victory is attained. The outstanding feature of the loan is the splendid response of the great masses of the people. Industrial workers, operatives, artisans, farmers, business and professional men, great manufacturing and commercial and financial institutions all have contributed, patriotically and magnificently, to a result which will surprise the world. As for myself, I have not words to express my deep appreciation of the wonderful response of our wonderful Canadian people. On behalf of the Government I desire to convey to all our most sincere thanks for this great aid to the accomplishment of the national purpose in the war and the maintenance of Canada's prosperity. The success of this loan was vital to Canada. We have now the means of carrying on the war and for the establishment of needed credits for Great Britain. This means that business will be maintained and will help in turn to support the war and furnish fresh credits when they are again needed toward the end of next year.

Those Who Assisted

"I have to express my most grateful thanks to all those persons and agencies whose splendid and untiring work has done so much for Canada in making this loan so successful. It is impossible to particularize, but I must specially mention the press, the clergy, the Boy Scouts, the Victory Loan Executive, publicity, provincial and local committees throughout Canada and the splendid organizers at their head who have given their time day and night unsparingly to the great work. It has been a great triumph not only for Canadian patriotism, but also for Canadian organization ability which is, I believe, second to none in the world. The fine organization of the banks in their three thousand and more branches throughout Canada has greatly assisted in promoting the success of the loan and facilitating its handling. I feel I should speak a word for the staff of the Finance Department and the generous assistance rendered by members of the civil service in other departments in coping with the tide of subscriptions pouring into Ottawa by every mail.

"I desire specially to pay my tribute to the work of the ladies throughout the Dominion, who, by their energy, zeal and enthusiasm, have so greatly assisted in the great result. I cannot speak in too generous or appreciative terms of the untiring efforts they have put forth and of the splendid service they have rendered. I am inexpressively proud of the achievement of the Canadian people in the great and notable success of the Victory Loan."