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We sometimes hear that we are spending a lot of money for pensions and gratuities. How will you meet it? That money will mean so much more in the way of purchasing power and so much more in circulation and give employment and as people are employed, employers as well as employees get more. The people are helped through this vast sum of money which will be kept in circulation throughout the country.

Here let me pause to say we must never forget that if we have freedom today and the enjoyment of our homes and the joy of looking forward to living in a country that is free and happy, we owe it to those men who have gone to the front and put their lives between us and the enemy. We owe our freedom to those who have made the supreme sacrifice. We owe it to the hundreds of thousands of men who are wounded and maimed and we as a people no matter what government may be in power, must realize that the first duty of this nation is to the forces who have served overseas and those who have sacrificed life and limb. Don't let us ever forget that.

I have not time to speak about what the government has sought to do for the war veterans but I say that no country in the world has its statute laws which mean as much to the men who have served overseas as Canada has at the present time. I do not say that we have done enough, but I do say that no country in the world has done as much. Canada has done more in those matters than any other country. That is all going to come back. It will be distributed into the purchasing power of our country and help to give continuous employment.

Through the war we have helped other nations by supplying them with munitions and giving them mutual aid. We have sent to Britain and Russia and other countries vast quantities of munitions and paid for those out of the treasury. How did we do it? It has given employment to thousands upon thousands of workers and kept up total employment and in the money that has gone to pay these things there is money that has gone into circulation and shows we cannot only help ourselves but others. You remember Shakespeare said "The quality of mercy is twice blessed. It blesses him that gives and him that takes."