

sentiments, the same imperial feeling will continue to actuate our people as actuates them to-day. But if British emigration flows to foreign lands, and foreign people to Canada, how can you expect that we will continue to maintain the spirit of devotion, the spirit of adherence to the Empire that actuates us to-day? Again I say, the protection and future of the Empire, as well as interest and prudence, demand that British blood and British gold should be kept within the Empire.

There is a very old adage, "In time of peace, prepare for war." I am afraid as a nation we somewhat neglected, and neglected to our hurt and cost, to observe that adage. I believe there is another saying, equally true: "In time of war, prepare for peace." We all admit, we of the Overseas Dominions, as well as you of the Homeland, that the supreme task before us is the winning of the present war. Every other aim, object, and desire must be made subordinate to this one supreme object, and nothing should be obtruded upon our minds that might divert us from this task. But, surely, even with the tremendous burden that we have on our minds at the present time, we can afford to give some thought to the future and to the course we should take when the bugle has sounded the last "Cease fire"? Surely enough of the best and richest blood will have been lost by the time the war is over, without permitting a stream to flow to foreign lands, as it did after the South African war. We all admit the great task, the one before which all others sink to insignificance, is to win this war, and the victory must be final and complete. It must not be left to our children or our children's children to fight the battle over again. We of the Overseas, no matter what the cost may be, no matter what the sacrifice in blood and treasure, will not be satisfied that there should be terms of peace on any other basis than that laid down by Premier Asquith at the beginning of the war in words that have already become historic. But next to the winning of the war, to my mind the greatest and most important task before us as Britons is to see that the Empire is welded closer together. The cementing together of the British countries which surround the Globe, and upon which the sun never sets, is a