

kind if we had to feel that we did not what we could and should in the time of testing.

The Englishman who thinks vaguely of some inferior arm of the clan coming into the ring out of admiration for his superior skin is in better case than the Canadian who thinks of himself chiefly as making a contribution to the other fellow's fight.

The Englishman is fighting with all his strength for what we, as well as he, regard as sacred, and the errors of his perspective will correct themselves when the fight is over. But if we go wrong in our apprehension and come short in our action because we did not see enough and did not defeat the disadvantage of remoteness from the

(To be resumed.)

### THE TEACHING OF IT ALL IS UNITY, UNITY, UNITY.

(Held over from Budget Article.)

After all this, what is the true teaching of the budget, the gravity of which only emerges when it is probed. It should be a schoolmaster to bring us to undimmed patriotism. The first duty it lays upon the friends of the Opposition is that they shall refrain from insisting that the great gulf that yawns between ordinary expenditure and income is the result of emptying the full treasury left by Mr. Fielding.

The Government is open to criticism because of the way it allowed its hungry friends to pile up expenditures; but the full treasury which Mr. Fielding left was due to excessive borrowing as well as to increased production from Canadian soil. The Liberal party cannot escape responsibility for its own acts. What it must do now is to offer constructive guidance to the country, rather than mere condemnation of the Government for having, seemingly, taken the advice of the Prince Edward Island member who urged it to "dash away and spend the money." If the situation develops into mere party recrimination we shall land into a much worse condition of confusion in the public mind, and essential incom-

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bloody field, we shall have fallen into a place from which no series of events after the war can lift us.

You cannot find your way to any rock on which to found an imperial future by merely walking on a few phrases which have done duty for men who saw less than we do in less strenuous times. You must try to get below, behind things which are happening, to the motive powers which make them happen. On that quest you will come across many considerations that are not published in the limited orthodoxies of the politicians. To refuse to look at new things—well, are the men in the trenches to be the only participants in the war who stride right up to the unexpected—right up?

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The situation calls for unity, not recrimination; candor, not evasion. A united campaign for recruiting such as Mr. Rowell asks for, must include a full explanation of the fiscal burdens which the nation has to carry, with particular reference to the discrepancy between ordinary revenue and expenditure which the war disclosed but did not create, and which the war must not be allowed to cover up.

If the Canadian people are not big enough to be invited to face the truth—well, it is not the people but the leaders of the people of whom miscalculations and fears have to be confessed. If they will only be strong and of a good courage, the people will not lack.

#### STRAWS IN THE WIND.

At any time reasons for dissolution of the Canadian Parliament may appear. We are spending many millions of money for war purposes, and new phases of the imperial relation have developed. How far may the Government go without consulting the people?—Toronto Daily News.