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classes of ships the Dominion Government is furnishing a credit of from twenty to twenty-five million dollars, which is being paid out annually from the proceeds of Victory Loan for labor and material, and the Dominion Government has lately entered on a campaign and appropriated \$50,000,000 for the building of ships, which would continue so long as it was necessary to replace the merchant tonnage to a prewar basis. To date from fifteen to eighteen million tons of ships have been destroyed by submarines, and it must be necessary for this deficit to be made up, and he believed that in this, Canadian shipbuilding would take a prominent part.

Sir Thomas stated that the period of adjustment or dislocation after the war was wrapped in mystery. Only vague notions were held of what the re-adjustment would be, and there is naturally an apprehensive feeling as to what the after-war re-adjustment has in store. It is generally felt that Canada, of all the belligerents, will be in as favourable position as any when peace is declared. It is to be borne in mind also, and Lord Shaughnessy has pointed out that it will take at least ten months for Canadian soldiers to be returned to Canada. It would therefore appear that for a year after the war Canada will be more or less on a war basis. There must be, when peace is declared, a great demand for all classes of products. While there must be some cessation of industry due to the stopping of the manufacture of munitions and probably a slowing down of aeroplane construction. The restoration of Belgium and the restoration of northern France will take vast quantities of material. The small supply of the basic commodities and all classes of food products will call for a very large production of staple manufactures and farm products. It might be found necessary, and if necessary the Dominion Government will not hesitate to use the financial resources of the nation under proper safeguards for financing and stimulating domestic industry for the export trade.

The problem of the returned soldier is a very large one. It is incumbent upon the Dominion and all classes of the people to do everything possible for the man who has fought for freedom and the world. While it is true that a number of the returned men will go back into the occupations which they gave up to enter war, and that a certain proportion will be readily absorbed into the civil life of the nation, it will require the closest co-operation between the Government and the people to get positions and see that the returned soldier is brought into civil life as quickly as pos-

Sir Thomas, in conclusion, spoke of the great work which the Canadian Clubs throughout the Dominion were carrying on, and how he had often intimated to Canadian Clubs' audiences prospective policies before he launched out on them. He pointed out that during the four years of war two attachments had become very strong during this period. One was the attachment of the Canadian to his native country, and the other was the attachment of Canada to that august mistress overseas. It was difficult to speak of Britain and pay her the justice that is her due. In summary, he said that Britain was the bulwark of the Alliance, and he shrunk from contemplation of what the world might have been had Britain remained neutral. Of the attachment of Canadians to Canadians t Canadians to Canada which had grown during the progress of the war, he had sensed Canadian unity such as he had never before experienced. In speaking before audiences in the Maritime Provinces, in Ontario, the Prairie Provinces, and British Columbia, he had met the same sympathy, the same belief, the same ideals, from one end of the country to the other. The Canadian about the other than the country to the other than the country to the other than the canadian about the other than the country to the other than the canadian about the other than the canadian about the country to the other than the canadian about the country to the canadian about the can the other. The Canadian character has been brought out in a way it has not been brought out before. The Canadian is different from the Briton, and from that nation south of the border, and today Canadians recognize their own characteristics and unity as a people as they have not been recognized hithart. ognized hitherto. From one end of Canada to the other the Canadian has a supreme consciousness of Canadian unity and Canada as a nation.