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## Measuring Up to Canada

**W**HAT about the election? we are sometimes asked. Why don't you come out on one side or the other without any qualification?

We reply—

Our readers belong to both sides, to all parties, to all provinces; they represent all the varying conditions there are, political and otherwise, in this country. Our business is above all things to be Canadian. We believe, as we have said again and again, in putting the weight of the country unreservedly, intelligently, organizedly behind all the efforts Canada is putting into the war. It is—our war; but not of our choosing. We believe that Canada has a big stake in seeing this war won, and as soon as possible. We should have no faith in the future of this country if we were compelled to admit that we were merely dragooned into the war. We should have little hope in the destiny of Canada if we did not believe that the best sentiment of Canada was, and is and will be, in favor of standing by England till England quits the war.

And we know that England won't quit till the job is done. Canada will be in at the finish. If not, then for heaven's sake let us confess right away that we think our participation in the war from the first was a mistake.

But let us not sling words around like drunken sailors when talking about Canada's or England's part in the war. Our loyalty to the cause is not measured by the noise we make. It is measured by the work we do, as sanely as we may. There is danger of running amok in language, and the election is not helping to prevent this very much.

No, let us get down to the facts of the case. The war will not be finished with typewriters. Canada's place among the young nations will not be determined by Victory Loans or elections. These are necessary. We take them as they come and get ahead as far as possible by means of them.

But we have a country to maintain. Canada will be here for somebody long after the war is over. Canada might as well be labelled for Germany as any other foreign nation, if we are to waste ourselves and wear out our national spirit in bitterness and strife and evil-speaking. By all means let us call a spade a spade, but let us combine common-sense with our sincerity when we do it.

The country is here to be held together; the greatest thing we can do to hold it together will be to send to the Allies, to England, to our men at the front, every pound, every bushel, every man, every munition we can send, without weakening ourselves nationally in order to do it.

Our first great business is to continue helping to win the war. We can do that only according as we organize ourselves sensibly and stop talking—mere politics.

Our politics are in a state of flux. The shibboleth of to-day becomes the discarded slogan of to-morrow. Canada is bigger than most of our politics—or heaven help us. All the Canadian Courier can hope to do is to come as near as possible to being as big as Canada.



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