

Electors of Ottawa:

The estimated average cost for each man killed in modern warfare, is five thousand dollars; nevertheless, this well known fact is not at all likely to deter the European nations from allowing themselves to become entangled in a great European war, in which more than a million of about the finest men upon earth may be sacrificed within a few months, at a cost of more than five thousand million dollars.

Ten per cent. of this enormous sum of money (or five hundred million dollars) would be amply sufficient to establish a million of such able-bodied men (each man independent and self-supporting upon his own farm) in the fertile regions of our great western territory.

Hundreds of thousands coming over here for this purpose would soon double the business of the whole country generally, and of course increase the revenue of the country proportionately, therefore this Dominion could well afford to guarantee about three per cent. interest for the money.

Thus also our population might easily be more than doubled within five years; for a million able-bodied men might easily be brought over within that time, and that would represent a population of five millions.

Why shouldn't Canada make a bid for these men before they are slaughtered, and for a portion of this money also, before it is all worse than wasted in slaughtering them? Is it reasonable to suppose that the French and German people would deliberately prefer to kill their men, at a cost of five thousand dollars each? when they have the alternative of establishing them as independent self-supporting citizens at one-tenth part of the cost, and be guaranteed also three per cent. for the money.

I have such confidence in the good sense of man generally, when his understanding is fairly appealed to (and not his passions), that I feel sure that the great evil of a general European war may now be averted, and our colonies built up into great nations with the men and money which might otherwise be wasted to no good purpose whatever.

Should the electors of Ottawa now perceive clearly enough that (if properly supported, as I should be,) I alone am quite capable of benefitting our country in particular, and the whole world also in general, immeasurably more than either political party could possibly do, (for lack of a policy comprehensive and magnanimous enough for the occasion) then the electors of Ottawa will wisely and generously afford me the requisite support, by voting for me in preference to either political party, otherwise Ottawa must lose the great credit and advantage which our city and country would certainly gain by being the first to do adequate justice to the only man upon earth who knows how the long predicted millennial era may now at last dawn upon the world, and "all nations be blessed," with blessings utterly inconceivable, until man's intellectual, moral, and spiritual nature predominates over his animal nature much more than appears to be the case at present.

As for me, my work must be done, and done soon also, now; therefore, should the electors of Ottawa fail to give my policy the preference to which it is justly entitled, of course I must then look to England (as the head of our great empire) for the recognition which my native country, Canada, may possibly deny me at present, at the hazard of much regret hereafter.

Faithfully yours,

HENRY WENTWORTH MONK.

Ottawa, Canada, 10th February, 1887.