

exceeded by that of any other country. The satisfaction they have is that it has been a great effort, one in which all could share to the extent to which their consciences told them they were entitled to share. They can be prouder than ever before of the fact that they are Canadians and that in our own time Canadians in their own way have contributed so much to the welfare of mankind.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: But now, honourable senators, we turn to the question of the future. We are invited to consider the details of a proposed organization the pattern of which will be outlined at least, at San Francisco, at one of the many conferences which probably will have to be held before this world is set upon a safe and sure road for the future. It will not be easy, honourable senators, to repair the tremendous havoc of war. It will require patience; it will require tact; it will require good will. Battles and wars are won by the force of arms; indeed, for a reasonable period of time it may be necessary to maintain the peace by force. But no permanent peace, honourable senators, will come to this world by force alone. Peace, if it comes, must come within the hearts of men. And so it is well, I think, that we should be represented at the San Francisco conferences. I do not know who the delegates will be. This morning's paper intimates to us the possibility that the highly-respected leaders of the two parties represented in this House will be among the delegates. But whoever they are on that occasion, honourable senators, and whoever they may be in the future, I suggest that they will be charged with a great responsibility, because I believe that this Canada of ours is destined to exercise an influence on the world in the future to an even greater degree than it has during the present great conflict.

We will, of course, give consideration to the form of the international organization which will be charged immediately with the task of maintaining peace in the future.

May I tell you, honourable senators, what I should like to have our delegates say at those conferences—and be able to say truthfully—and what I believe the majority of the people of Canada would like them to say? I should like them to say that we in Canada do not believe that wars are inevitable. We believe that in the past wars have had their origin in ambitious and unscrupulous men seeking to exploit the passions of peoples of different racial origins and religions, and to capitalize national jealousies arising out of depressed standards of living. We believe that the Creator fashioned the unit of society the

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same the world over, irrespective of colour, race or religion, and that that unit, husband and wife and children, is animated universally by the same hopes, ambitions and loves, with no desire to kill or be killed, but rather to live and let live, to get enough to eat, to have opportunity to sing and laugh, to have freedom to worship as conscience dictates, and to take justifiable pride in the contributions of the respective races to the advancement of mankind.

Further, I should like our delegates to be able to say: If you, the representatives of the nations of the world, doubt us, look at Canada. Here is a country with a population of 11,500,000, of whom less than half are of British origin; three and a half million are French, more than half a million German, 300,000 Ukrainian, and about a million and a quarter are of other racial origins from various countries of the old world, seeking refuge from the miseries of war. We have learned to live side by side in happiness and contentment. We take pride in the fact that the different racial groups composing our population have contributed to the building of our country. We say to those with whom we differ in opinion not the harsh word but the kind word, and as a result the best within us rather than the worst comes to the surface. We in this country ignore those who, living in the past, would keep alive the deep-rooted animosities of the old world. We despise the man who would seek to set race against race, religion against religion.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: And I should like our delegates to be able to say: We bring to your notice the fact that Canada is indisputable evidence of what men can do when they work together in harmony. We want you to join with us in promoting world harmony. Nature has been very kind to us. We have great resources; we grow far more food than we can possibly consume; we want you to share it with us. We want the things that you make so well, and we will trade what we can spare for what you can spare. We know your countries have been ravaged and have to be restored, and we will help you rebuild your ruined towns and cities. We are anxious and willing to help you establish a new world in which you will be happy and prosperous, as we are happy and prosperous. If you doubt your ability to do this, look at us.

Now, honourable senators, how truthfully our delegates can say what I believe we would like them to say rests with us, the people of