

Canada's Part is Unique.

(1) Canada is the least war-cursed of all the nations. For a hundred years she has had no war. She has no burdensome national debt incurred by war. She has no heavy pension list. There are no mutual prejudices between her and other peoples, such as war always creates.

(2) Canada must stand immoveable against being degraded into a militarized dependency. She must develop as an autonomous unit, in control of her own destiny, loyal to the Empire. But the Empire must be loyal to the stupendous possibilities of this land in this Era of peaceful world-advance.

(3) Canada should, therefore, lead in a policy of Peace by every honorable means. Whatever her ultimate duty may be in the defence of the Empire, she must not give way to panic, nor pledge her support to Great Britain in every war, regardless of its justification.

(4) The loyalty of Canada and other "Dominions over-sea" is simply unquestioned. Men and money would be lavishly given if really needed for defence, or for a cause which Canada deemed right. Ignorance and designing men inflame that spirit to swell the forces of a militarized, militarized Empire. Or, intelligence and goodwill, considerate of other races, may awaken the apathetic forces of righteousness, progress and creative civilization, and thus help to develop a Christianized Empire, to lead all nations in peaceful evolution towards "the federation of the world."

(5) If Canada chooses the first, it means in a few years the expenditure of thousands of millions of dollars, the sacrifice of her sons, untold woe to her homes, a history marred for ages. If the second, half a million, a tenth of a million dollars—the fraction of the price of one cruiser—spent now in missionary work for international peace and goodwill, would, with other forces at work, do much to cement the whole world in a league of perpetual peace. A new Era would begin.

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