

strict sense of duty, and because **I think it would be unfortunate that a vote of this magnitude in connection with a war of this magnitude, should pass without a note of clear support of the Government at this crisis, coming from this side of the House.**"

"I come from a province where up to the present moment we have recruited 2,656 more men than make our quota towards the 500,000 at which the Government is aiming. That is a fact of which, as an Albertan, I am reasonably proud, and that is a fact for which I find the explanation, if it is to be found, in this: That the people of Alberta are not so much concerned where their gear is being put for the troops, as they are in getting the troops and beating the Germans."

PROUD OF WHAT GOVERNMENT HAS DONE.

"I listened with very great care to the statement of my right hon. friend the Prime Minister from beginning to end. I listened to it calmly, and as I listened **I was proud to be a citizen of Canada, and proud to be a citizen of Canada because of what the present Government of Canada has done in connection with this war.** There were certain things which loomed up before my mind as I listened to that statement, and **the first thing with which I was impressed was the magnitude of the burdens and the responsibilities which came upon the Government of a small portion of the British Empire with the swiftness and the suddenness that we know characterized the commencement of this war.**"

"It was my privilege, as it was my honor, at the beginning of the war, and as it has been more than once since, to express what was my clear conviction then, and what is equally my clear conviction now: **that the head of this Government and the Government itself and the majority of its supporters were seized at once with the importance of the issues, and bent their whole energies to the task of contributing a proper quota on the part of Canada to the successful prosecution of the war.** That was my conviction then, and it is my conviction now, and I am clear in my own mind that history will record—whatever may be the petty political fortunes of party in this country, at the next

any other election—**I am confident that the impartial historian will record that my right hon. friend who leads the Government has from the day the war-cloud burst, kept a single eye to the winning of the war, and has not been led aside or diverted from that purpose by any small motive or any small consideration whatsoever.**"

"The next thing that loomed out in front of me as I listened to the statement of the Prime Minister was the point that was referred to by the right hon. gentleman himself, and that was the tremendous task which had fallen upon a large and momentarily increasing number of the staff of the Militia Department, and of the loyalty and devotion—which often, as the Prime Minister said, must have carried their nerves to the