

CANADA'S ECONOMIC DESTRUCTION¹

The New York *Evening Post* has asked me to sum up, for the benefit of its readers, the economic situation at the present time, as regards the application of the Military Conscription law in Canada.

Political men and economists of all nations are unanimous on the necessity for positive action and political reorganization, in order to help the Allied armies, and to prepare for the after-war period.

This war has apparently taught to all nations an imperative lesson which can be expressed as follows: The organization of all military and economic forces, at the front, as well as in the rear, is the only guarantee of the decisive victory, which we desire, and which must be extended, even when the armies have ceased fighting, into the commercial and industrial fields.

Prepare for the aftermath, is the message which comes to us from such eminent Frenchmen as Daniel Bellet, Georges Blondel, Henri Hauser, Edouard Herriot, Victor Cambon, Charles Gide, D'Avesnel, and many others. Germany is already preparing for business, according to the testimonies given by Edward Lyall Fox, in the United States, and Austin Harrison, in England. Can-

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