

additional one hundred thousand men. From the outbreak of war Canadians everywhere have been doing their duty, but I am proud to feel and to know that the Western Provinces have recognized their duty to a greater extent than the other Provinces in their patriotic outpouring of treasure and men. But this is only what was to be expected from men who have been able to breathe the clear fresh air of Western Canada. It is always a proud moment with me, when in the Eastern Provinces, to be able to acknowledge that I belong to this portion of our Dominion. I am sure that the new call will be responded to in the West in the same generous manner as the former calls have been, and thus will give new reason for westerners to feel a justifiable pride in their country and their fellow citizens.

I have sometimes thought that there is some little feeling that possibly the Government were not acting as quickly as they should in the matter of mobilization of additional troops. Let me assure you that this is not the case. The Government have been alive to the situation at all times, and you can rest assured that we have kept in the very closest possible touch with Lord Kitchener and the War Office. No step has been taken and no policy adopted that has not had the complete approval and endorsement of the Imperial authorities; or, in other words, the Government have always felt and feel now that the best