

way possible. At the same time friendly relations with our neighbour to the south and our other gallant allies must be maintained.

I do not want to touch on post-war trade, but if you will allow me only a word or two I should like to say that export trade will no longer be done "cash on the barrelhead" as it formerly was, but rather by exchange of goods—

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE:—and I hope that whatever Government is in power during the post-war period it will use every endeavour to favour the Mother Country who, in 1940, saved not only herself but Canada, the whole British Empire, and all the freedom-loving democracies who have suffered untold losses. Even now, day after day, poor unfortunate women and children are being killed by the robot bomb in England. Therefore, it is only right that we and the other self-governing Dominions, and the Empire as a whole should do everything we can to assist the Mother Country as a slight token of our appreciation for the magnificent sacrifices she has made. I am proud to be a Canadian—

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: I am proud to be a British subject.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: I am one of those who firmly believe that the success of Canada in the past and in the future—free and independent nation as we are—is due to the fact that we are part and parcel of that vast Empire on which the sun never sets.

My good friend to my left in his very eloquent and interesting speech of yesterday congratulated the armed forces of Canada. At this time I should like to add my tribute. Canada has played a very important role in the war—on the sea, on land and in the air. To those who are fighting so gallantly for us on foreign fields I want to say how proud we are of them, and assure them that when they return nothing we can give will be too good for them. I should like to extend my remarks a little further and include the women in the services. I also want to thank the nurses, the Red Cross, and all those who have helped in the munitions factories, and who have laboured in the mines and forests.

Hon. Mr. QUINN: And the mercantile marine.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: The mercantile marine is included in the services I mentioned.

Hon. Mr. DUFF: That is taken for granted.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: There has been a great combination of loyal Canadian effort from one end of the country to the other, and the representatives of Canada will go to the San Francisco Conference with their heads held high.

Hon. Mr. DUFF: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Canada has every right to be proud of her magnificent record in this war, and proud also of the privileged place she holds as the senior Dominion within the British Commonwealth of Nations. What our Prime Minister and the delegates who accompany him will say and do at the San Francisco Conference will carry a great deal of weight.

Before I sit down let me say once more, Mr. Leader, that we wholeheartedly endorse the resolution. We wish you and your associates every success at the conference. God bless you!

Hon. Mr. DUFF: Honourable senators, I think I am right in saying that probably never has a more important matter come before this Chamber than the one referred to in this resolution. The fact that Canada has received an invitation from the great republic to the south to attend the San Francisco Conference shows conclusively to my mind that Canada is taking her place in world affairs. That the United States and Canada have lived alongside each other in amity for upwards of a century is an outstanding example to the world of how peace can be maintained when the relations of nations are based on good will.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. DUFF: I do not object to what my honourable friend the leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. King) and my honourable friend the leader opposite (Hon. Mr. Ballantyne) have said about what might or should be done at the San Francisco Conference; on the contrary, I commend them for their splendid speeches; but I say let us pass this resolution, let us send our delegates to San Francisco in order that they may learn the views of the great nations there represented, and then state the views of Canada. Let our delegates never forget that, while Canada is proud of her position as the senior Dominion of the British Commonwealth, she is mistress in her own home. Both the British Empire and the United States recognize her status and realize that in future Canada's views must be considered in matters of peace and war.

Although forty-four nations are to be represented at the conference, Russia, Great Britain and the United States will, as the