

"CANADA AT WAR"

A special session of the Canadian Parliament was opened on 18th August, 1914, to consider and confirm certain emergency measures adopted by the Government, on account of the outbreak of war, to pass the necessary authority for sending Canadian Military Contingents to the front as well as financing this and other undertakings for the defence of Canadian and Imperial interests, and to obtain such legislation as would enable the administration for the benefit of the people to deal with the conditions which would arise from Canada and the empire being engaged in a European war. The session lasted five days. Sir Robert Borden, the Prime Minister, delivered the following speech on the address to his Royal Highness, the Governor-General, in reply to the speech from the throne:

Mr. Speaker, I desire to associate myself with the words of appreciation uttered by my right hon. friend (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) with regard to the speeches to which we have just listened from the mover and the seconder of the Address. These speeches fully recognize the duty of unity at the present time, not only in Canada but throughout the British Dominions, to meet a crisis, a possible danger such as this country, this empire, has not confronted for one hundred years at least. I have listened, too, with the utmost interest and profound admiration to the patriotic speech which has just fallen from my right hon. friend the leader of the Opposition (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). Already, even before Parliament has been called, he had an-