

CANADA'S RELATION TO THE GREAT WAR

charity conceals the conviction that you have been defrauded, while if in any slight degree by happy accident or kindly Providence you are entertained, or interested, or instructed, you are so generous that one goes home in sad but certain confidence that he is not appreciated by his own people. One is so grateful that his feeling is expressed by the story of an Irishman in Canada who describes the mellowing effects of Jamieson's Irish Whiskey. "When I lived in Dublin," he would say, "I used to go to Maynooth where the Widdy Maloney kept a tavern. You could get as foine a male there as annywhere in the world. You could get a fillet of vale wid parsley, or a brisket of cowld bafe reclinin' on a bowlder of cabbage, and the widdy would bring in three fingers of Jamieson's and just a dhrap of raspberry vinegar and—a child could play wid you."

I shall not forget that I speak in a neutral country, and that whether we salute the Union Jack or the Stars and Stripes we honor the symbol of freedom. I shall not attempt to interpret American feeling, official or popular. I shall not undertake to define your relation to the struggle in Europe nor venture any opinion upon any incident which connects this country with any of the belligerents. Ever since the war began we in Canada have practiced reticence alike in spoken and written references to neutral nations. We have done nothing to embarrass British diplomacy in delicate negotiations with foreign courts and Governments. We have greatly restrained the natural arrogance of a young country and I would misrepresent the Canadian Government and the Canadian people if even by implication or indirection I should review American action or American policy. I may not even imitate the Roman Catholic Chaplain in Flanders, who sought reconciliation with a Protestant colleague. A close friendship had been disturbed by a theological dispute. In seeking to heal the breach the Father said: "Why should we quarrel. We are both doing the work of the Master. You in your way and I in His."