

OUR COUNTRY AND OUR DUTY

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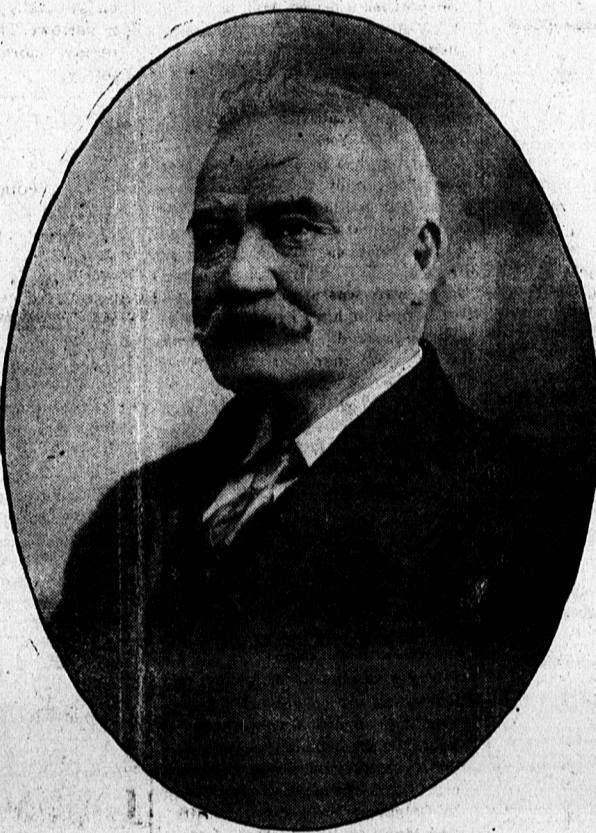
All who follow the trend of the momentous events now taking place in the world; all who keep themselves in touch with the affairs of the day; all who are living in the spirit of these unusual times, must thoroughly realize their duty to their country, and to the Empire of which Canada forms so important a part.

From my knowledge of Charlottetown and Queen's County, extending over a long period, I am assured that no worthy appeal will ever fail to reach the minds of our people, and to influence them to a generous response.

All over Queens County there are vacant places in the home; no one can walk abroad in the city or drive the length and breadth of the county without constantly meeting parents whose sons have fallen on the battlefield and other parents whose sons are fighting in the great war. In the homes in the city, as well as in the farmsteadings of the countryside, the mothers have been bowed down with grief and anxiety. How frequently we meet a crippled soldier! How often we have to speak a word of cheer and consolation to bereaved parents! How keenly we read the casualty lists from day to day! There are three headings in all—killed, wounded and missing.

You, who have never wept for one whose life is dear, give utmost thanks that yours have yet been spared to serve the common cause of right. Thus are the people and the boys doing their part and bearing their burdens.

Now, Canada has launched what is called the "1918 Victory Bond." Its success will give another lease of greater endeavor to our country; its success will supply Canada with increased trade and resultant prosperity; its success will give a new impetus to agriculture, commerce and industry. It invigorates our efforts in the war; it enables governments, federal and local, to finance their requirements. For the farmer, the value of the loan is incalcul-



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able; it enables this country to export all that the farmer has to sell and to assist in its purchase. For the manufacturer it gives the best export market he has ever possessed, for it enables the Government to spend millions a month for war purposes and other purposes, in which the manufacturer is chiefly interested. Up to June 1918, our manufacturers had produced over sixty million shells, twenty million fuses, seventy-four million pounds of powder and fifty million pounds of high explosives. Of the 1,654,000 tons of steel used in our country, for war work, 1,400,000 was produced in Canada. Contracts have also been let in Canadian ship yards as well as in national war plants.

It is therefore imperative that the 1918 Victory Loan should be an even greater success than its predecessor.

We cannot continue to do our part in the war without the required funds. We cannot obtain these funds unless the national activities are maintained up to a high pressure. This cannot be accomplished unless we finance the national activities which have such a vital bearing on the situation our country is in. I cannot emphasize too strongly that the safety of our national structure and our participation in the war, depend entirely upon the successful results of the Victory Loan.

Great Britain is bearing a tremendous burden in the war. In the United States their Liberty Bond of 1918, has been oversubscribed. Canada is now doing her duty. The Allies are now close to victory.

As one of the representatives for Queens County, in which is the city of Charlottetown, I—conscious of the honor of representing this constituency—urge the people to invest their money, so far as they are able, in Victory Bonds. Invest that our gallant boys may be supported; that starving children may be fed; that wounded soldiers may be cared for, that death and desolation may cease and that peace may come to a war-worn world. The day's duty is that you buy your country's bonds; that you buy them to the fullest share of your ability, for they are as good as gold.

Canada's Victory Bonds represent the safest, surest and best investment in the world today.