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FRENCH CANADIANS AND THE WAR

In Quebec also enthusiasm should prevail amongst French-Canadians, who are at once proud of their natural mother, France, and loyal to their foster mother, England. As Great Britain is standing by France, whatever the future may contain, so the people of Quebec, like those of the other provinces, will stand by the imperial government to the extent of furnishing whatever aid may be necessary. The high traditions of both races, and the splendid liberties which all enjoy as British citizens, demand that we support the imperial authorities in the gravest of crisis. It is reasonable to expect that if the terrible war now seemingly imminent comes, all sons of the empire, in whatever portion of the world distributed, will rally about the flag and throne as one force, animated by a single purpose.—Toronto News.

OUR HUMILIATING POSITION

The humiliating position of Canada, a wealthy young country, dependent for naval defence on the motherland and contributing nothing in return is emphasized by an American paper, the New York Journal of Commerce, in a recent editorial. The Journal of Commerce says:

"It is an impressive fact that the total burdens in respect to the army and navy amount to about 35s per head of the population of the United Kingdom, while in Canada they amount to only 6s 8d per head. Whether the colonies are beginning to realize that the strain on the mother country, very largely for their defence, is reaching the limit of endurance, is somewhat doubtful. But there is nothing doubtful about the fact that which contributions as the colonies have been able to offer for the relief of the mother country have so far made no sensible impression on her burdens."

To a self-respecting people like Canadians it is humiliating for a neighboring country to be able to make such statements.

The competition in armaments bears very heavily on the British people. A million pounds sterling of taxation means something very different when distributed among 65,000,000 of population, as in Germany from what it means when distributed among 45,000,000 people in the United Kingdom. The cost of the German navy is only 7s per head of the population of Germany, while the cost of the British navy is 22s. per head of the population of the United Kingdom. The average family of five

persons is taxed 1 15s, and 5 10s in the United Kingdom toward the cost of their respective navies. While, therefore, as a nation, the people of Great Britain are spending double the amount Germany is spending on the navy, the burden on the individual taxpayer really amounts to an expenditure of 3 to 1.

CANADA'S DUTY

A condition of affairs has arisen to which the Ottawa Government might well give attention. Yesterday United States buyers came into the Toronto cattle markets and cleaned up the offerings. Now that war has been declared against England by Germany, Canada has a duty to the empire, the duty of feeding the motherland. No supplies should go elsewhere than to Britain while the need remains. If it requires government action to secure this, then the government ought to act. At all events, Canadians who have the welfare of empire and of the Dominion at heart do not like to see another nation stepping in to take the food that Britain needs, perhaps to sell it back to the empire again at extortionate prices.—Toronto World.

FIVE GERMAN CRUISERS ARE IN MEXICAN AND WEST INDIAN WATERS

Paris, Aug. 6—It was officially announced this afternoon that five German cruisers are known to be in Mexican and West Indian waters. French warships are to be sent to locate and destroy them.

FOUR GERMAN STEAMERS AT ANTWERP SEIZED BY THE BELGIANS

Antwerp, Aug. 6—During an anti-German demonstration today several Germans fired into the crowd. Four German steamers in the port were seized today by the Belgian authorities.

GERMAN AEROPLANE WAS DESTROYED

Liege, Belgium, Aug. 6—In full view of King Albert, who was in conference with his staff a German aeroplane, carrying six German officers was shattered by Belgian aerial guns today. Six of its occupants were killed.



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