

# MR. HAWKES SUGGESTS PATRIOTIC LEAGUE

To Express National Sentiment  
About the War

AND WELD CANADIANS TOO

"First Aim Would be to Carry With Us All Men of Non-Britannic Origin, Including Germans and Austrians," Creating a New Patriotism

"The time has come to organize, unify and express the national sentiment about the war," said Mr. Arthur Hawkes last night to The Globe. "Your editorial on Canada's need for leadership in things which the Militia Department cannot touch ought to evoke practical response from men who realize that we are in for a hard time. Everyone who looks ahead, of course, has his own ideas as to meeting the situation."

"And yours?" asked the reporter.

"Goes into the common pool for what it is worth. I should like to see a Canadian Patriotic League, with membership all over the country, which would aim first to carry with us all the men of non-Britannic origin, including the Germans and Austrians. We are fighting for free democracy. Now is the time to incorporate them with us—not let them feel that they are aliens to our cause. There never was such an opportunity to weld Canadians of all kinds. The Austrian reservist is father of native-born Canadians. We must see that the right facts and interpretations of the war are put before all the peoples of the Dominion through their press and leaders. Creating a new patriotism in them—getting their hearts, which is much more than getting their votes—we shall nourish our own."

"For ourselves we shall need to rally and steady public opinion in face of possible reverses. We shall win, but victory doesn't come by express, and victory isn't all lavender, anyway. A Patriotic League, a rallying point for men and women of all parties and of none, can touch the whole country simultaneously as no government mechanism, however efficient, can touch it."

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"For example?" queried the reporter.

"Well, take finance as one of many things," replied Mr. Hawkes. "Parliament will vote scores of millions for the war. It cannot lightly borrow in London. War taxes are coming. They won't provoke loud cheers. The tax-collector cannot promote the spirit which causes women to offer their jewels at the national altar. There will be funds of different sorts, but they won't be enough. There must be propaganda for the war, and it must be implemented. A Patriotic League would crystallize the sentiment ingenerated by a newspaper press which will have its own troubles to look after."

"The economic situation next winter would have been bad enough without the war. Employment will be an extensively aggravated problem. If ever latent public spirit needed to become vocal and active it is now."

"How would you begin?"

"Some man or men should see that the situation is rapidly investigated and brought home to the public mind. Then action would come inevitably from those who dare to see and to act. Suppose The Globe begins. Initiative is what is wanted—and life."