

CANADA READY FOR SACRIFICE

Hon. Arthur Meighen Gives Eloquent Digest of Issues at Stake

"This is Canada's first real war," began Hon. Arthur Meighen, solicitor-general in the Dominion cabinet, in addressing a record crowd at the Canadian Club Saturday afternoon.

"It is impossible to overstate the horrors of this war. Why, then, are we a party to it? What if we had kept out? What can we do now?"

Dismiss Enemies

Regarding aliens in the Canadian public service the following resolution was unanimously carried:

"Whereas, the British empire is at war with Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Canadian club of Winnipeg urge the government of Canada, the government and municipalities of Manitoba, to transfer or suspend for the period of the war all those officers or employes who may reasonably be held to be in active sympathy with our enemies, from offices or employment in which they have it in their power to do harm to Canada or the British empire."

What Struggle Means

"This is a war between two principles, between two classes of thought. It is a war between the school of Treitschke, Bernhardt and now of Jagow on the one hand and of Burke, Pitt, Canning and Asquith—yes, and of Lincoln and Wilson too—these two schools confronted each other.

"Defeat for us—may I be forgiven for mentioning the word—means the frustration of what to us is the art of civilization. It means the progressive deliverance of our humanity to a new-fangled paganism."

Canada Knows Duty

"Was our honor as a nation at stake in the struggle? Germany had plunged her millions into Belgium. Belgium turned to Britain and said, "we have kept the faith? Will you keep yours?" What answer could England make?

"The Canadian government recognizes its duty in this crisis," concluded Mr. Meighen amid cheers. "The lives of Canada's sons and the material resources of the Dominion are under the care of the government, and they felt that they would fall utterly if they spared either in the effort to bring success. Before there shall be any failure, we are prepared to bankrupt the Dominion."