

EXCELLENT ADVICE

Magistrate Kingsford, of Toronto, made a statement worthy of a judge of any court, on Monday last, when he said:

"We have not sought war. We did not want war. But being forced into it we will fight it out to the last. The duty of our people is very plain. We are on trial. No doubt Canadian forces will be sent to the aid of the Mother Country. No malign influence will be permitted to come between us and the carrying out of our wishes but the ordinary life of the community must continue and I would remind our people that the best evidence they can give of their loyalty and love of country is obedience to the law.

"Continue the present good behaviour. Remember we are face to face with a people as proud and determined as we are. It may be necessary for us to endure until success comes. The best proof therefore we can give to our beloved country is obedience to our laws. Order must be kept and in the interval discords wiped out so that the hands of the Government may be free.

"We have among us foreigners, some of whom belong to the countries with which we are at war. Many of these have lived among us for years. They are among our most respectable citizens. They can be assured they will receive the full protection of our laws. No molestation or insults will be offered them. They will receive the same consideration and protection as our own fellow subjects and may rely on our good feeling to see that no harm befalls them.

"All we expect from them is reciprocal fair treatment. I ask you, Mr. Corley, therefore, and the gentlemen of the bar here present, to use all your influence in the direction of impressing on our own people the necessity for the preservation of law and order and the protection of the foreigners remaining within our borders."

Those are wise words. The citizen of Canada who thinks he is loyal because he displays a hatred of the people of some foreign country is making a great mistake. Our people will cultivate self-respect and the respect of the world by following the advice of the Canadian magistrate and obeying the laws of our land in their spirit, as well as letter. This is a period for calmness and determination. It is easy to grow excited; the useful men in these times are those who are prepared to do their duty calmly and without unnecessary fuss. Leaders of thought in Britain are setting the world a splendid example. They know how terrible is war, and they discuss it from day to day in sober tones.