

# CANADA'S SACRED DUTY TO FIGHT

## Archbishop Bruchesi Explains Attitude of Roman Catholics in Quebec

### SAYS TYRANNY MUST BE CRUSHED

### "I Do Not Want to be German Citizen," He Asserts Emphatically

**Canadian Press Despatch.**

Montreal, Jan. 8.—An explanation of the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church in Quebec in regard to the war was made by Archbishop Bruchesi at Laval University last evening at a meeting in aid of the military hospital of that institution.

The Archbishop said: "Canada being a part of the British Empire, it is the sacred duty of the Canadian people to assist Great Britain in her heroic defence of liberty. This was the position taken by the episcopacy of French Canada at the outbreak of the war, and this is the attitude our bishops still maintain and will continue to maintain to the very end. The obligations we owe the British crown are sacred obligations. It is the solemn duty of every Canadian citizen to the utmost limit of his force, to stand side by side with the Motherland in her heroic effort to crush the tyrant who wishes to trample small nations and states beneath his iron heel. What fate would be ours if the Germans obtained a foothold here? Were Great Britain defeated—Germany would secure domination on the St. Lawrence."

#### **Emphasizes Words.**

Raising himself to his full height, Mgr. Bruchesi said: "French-Canadian countrymen, I for one, do not want to be a German citizen," a sentiment that evoked loud cheers.

His Grace then spoke of how the people were alarmed at the false news that German submarines had been seen in the gulf, adding that this was an inkling of what they would feel like if the British fleet were crushed in the North Sea.

Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster-General, said it was a great consolation after the strange declaration in certain quarters that Canada had no right to participate in the war, to see present the Archbishop of Montreal, whose direction in all questions of grave importance could never be called in question.