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PREFACE

THE author of these articles is a United States citizen who has been resident for several years in Canada. He has had the advantages of being a graduate of Harvard College and the Harvard Law School, but has given up the practice of the law and devoted himself to commerce and manufacturing.

Coming of old New England stock and revolutionary ancestry, the issues of this war have appealed to him as so vital that he has felt that he must speak. He gives this book out not because he thinks he can write, but because he knows that he cannot remain silent.

The author makes no apologies for his views. He feels that, on the contrary, apologies are due from those who fail to entertain them.

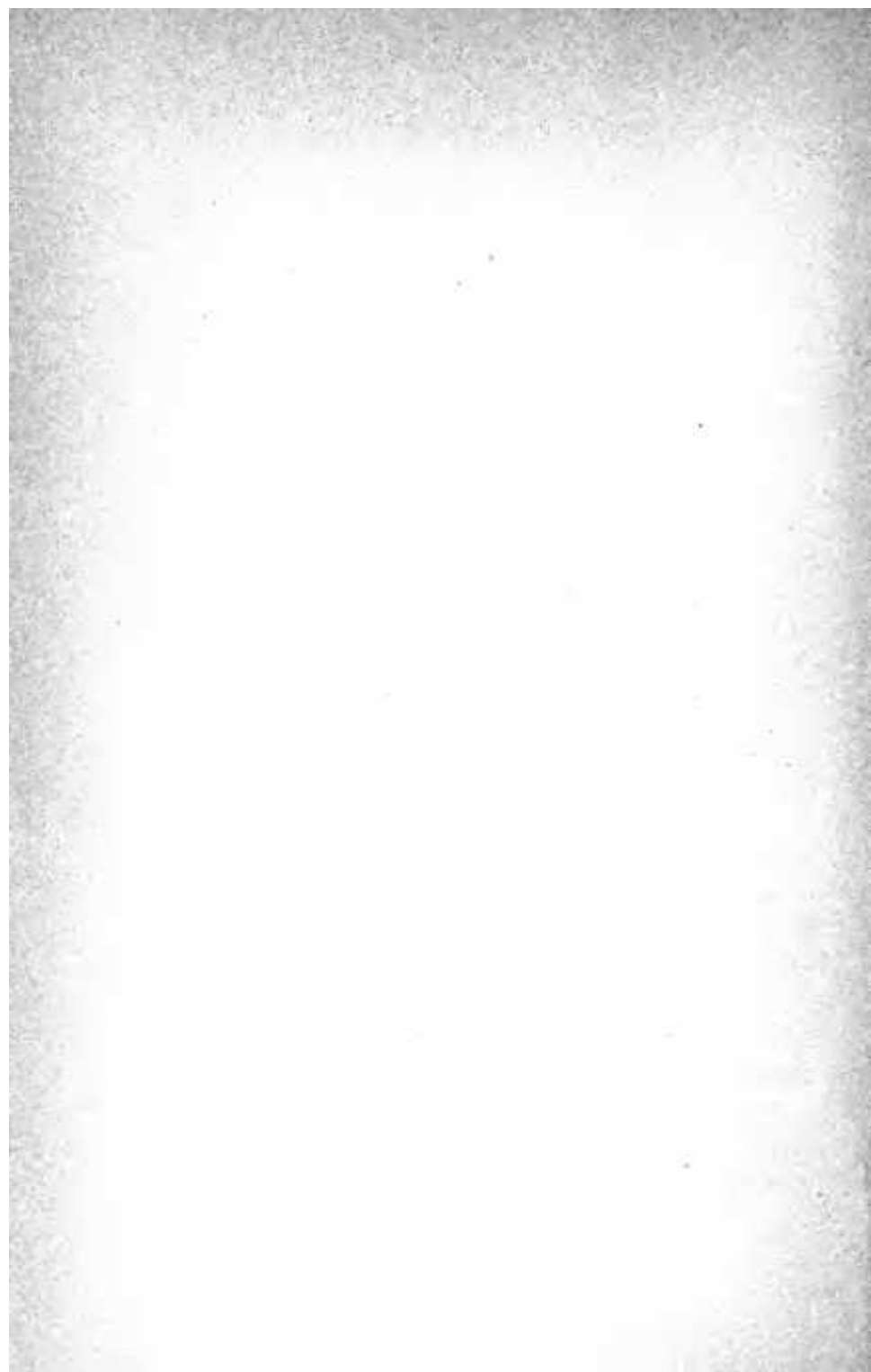
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UTOPIA IN AMERICA

THERE are in Canada hundreds of thousands of men who have come from the United States, a part of whom retain their United States citizenship, and a part of whom have been naturalised. Among all those people there is a practical unanimity of opinion upon Canada's course in the war, but the greatest diversity upon the question of the duties of the United States.

With one accord these people agree that this is Canada's war as much as Britain's; that, being a unit of the British Empire, Canada is attacked, and must do her part to the last man and the last dollar needed. Their sympathy with the cause of the Allies is unlimited. They feel that Germany and what she stands for must be overthrown, and that after the war there will arise a condition of economic demand which will enable Canada to utilise her resources to her lasting profit.