

Nearly all of those who ran as National Government candidates were defeated. As leader of the party, I was given a following never before equalled in the Canadian House of Commons.

In the general elections of 1940, the issue was unmistakable. The people were asked to which of the political parties in Canada they wished to entrust the carrying out of Canada's war effort. The answer was decisive. The great trust of the administration of Canada's affairs at a time of war was placed in the hands of the present government. From that day to this, the government has never lost sight of the mandate it was given by the people. As was our duty, we have centred our attention, first and foremost, on the winning of the war. In doing so we have sought as well to meet, from day to day, and from month to month, those domestic problems to which the war has inevitably given rise. We have also endeavoured to look beyond into the future and to prepare to meet the many problems which will present themselves in the post-war period.

Canada's war effort magnificent

I challenge any responsible citizen to say that Canada's war effort has not been magnificent. I challenge him to show that, all circumstances considered, it has been surpassed by the war effort of any other country.