

French people. May I repeat a few lines from that message:

"Over there, you are our Allies because we know too well the heart of France to doubt an instant of her heart's loyalty. Because we love the same things, we know that, no matter what fate may bring to her, no matter what tribulations await her, France will never fight against the British, against us, French-Canadians, so many of whose sons have been resting in the soil of France for the past 23 years."

I appeal to honourable members in the House, and I appeal to my fellow countrymen in all parts of the Dominion to bear always in mind the task which Canada alone can perform in keeping hope alive in the hearts of the grief-stricken people of France. Let no word from Canadian lips add to the agony of her open wounds, let us inflict no new pain, and let us be ever watchful to exercise the healer's art. In the new world, which will follow the destruction of the evil thing which now crushes France, Canada's part in cementing the bonds between the French and English-speaking peoples may be just as great as her role in bringing into closer relationship, peoples of the British Commonwealth and of the United States.