the Throne, one of which was to ensure to the government freedom of action subject only to its constitutional responsibility to parliament..

I gave, however, another and very important reason.

I said that to amend the act in any particular would necessitate a debate in both Houses of Parliament - a debate moreover which would inevitably be a debate on the question of conscription.

That this would mean going all over the same ground again.

Speaking on this aspect of the matter on June 10th, I said:

"Unnecessary discussion and prolonged debate
in parliament at a time when our country is hourly
being drawn into greater danger would not serve to
place Canada's war effort in its true light, either
before our own people, or before the people of other
countries, nor would it gain respect for parliament."

Whatever may have been said or thought of the truth of this statement at the time it was made, after all that has since been said in the course of the present debate, ***

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Txtkink for and against conscription for service overseas, it will, I think, be agreed that on this question little more, if anything of value, could possibly be added. It must now be wholly apparent that this House of Commons itself, not to speak of the country, would be impatient of any attempt to traverse the same ground anew; and that public opinion would strongly resent any such ***

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