

CANADA AND THE WAR

The Defence of Freedom at Home and Abroad

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 1940 CAMPAIGN.

A radio address delivered by Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King
from Ottawa, 23rd March, 1940.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In the last of the broadcasts in the present campaign, I am pleased to have the opportunity of speaking to the men and women of my native province. As most of you are aware, I was born and educated in Ontario. I have lived here for the whole of my life. With the province and its capital city, Toronto, there are personal and family associations which extend over more than a century and a quarter. They are intimately connected with the establishment and defence of political freedom. This evening, I would like to make clear wherein the main objective of the government in the prosecution of Canada's war effort has been and will continue to be the preservation and extension of freedom at home and abroad.

Defence of Freedom at home and abroad.

Amidst the din and turmoil of a political conflict, it is not always easy for those in the thick of the fight to appreciate the full significance of the battle in which they are engaged. We are, however, sufficiently near the end of the present elections for all to discern the main objectives of our