

YOUR HONOR, MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:

By your kindness I am privileged to be able to say a few words this evening on the paramount question that is in the mind of every one, as is evidenced by the inspiring fact that in this great crisis Canadians everywhere are always ready to rally to the call of duty.

Canada has had troubles of her own in the past, and on one former occasion has taken part in a war of Empire, but never before in a war that was a challenge to our right to live as free men and free women.

We have today, between those already overseas and those enlisted and still in Canada, over two hundred thousand of our bravest and best sons who have pressed their services on their King and their country to do battle for our liberty and for our freedom—and I am sure we are proud of the record, of the loyalty and of the gallantry, of our Canadian troops in the hour of battle. They have not only won glory for themselves, but they have immortalized the name of our Dominion in that they have proved themselves as soldiers to be equal to the task of maintaining the best traditions of the past.

You have noticed that we are answering the King's call of a few weeks ago by the mobilization of an