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Fellow Canadians:

Since I last spoke to you, there has been much discussion of the forthcoming plebiscite over the radio, in the press, and at public meetings. This discussion has gone far to clarify the issue. It has, however, also disclosed how little, in some parts of our country, the gravity of the world situation is appreciated; and how greatly, as a consequence, people are in danger of being misled by some of those who are asking them to vote NO on Monday next.

Of the persons who already have decided to vote YES, many are now asking themselves why it was that so great a storm of protest should have been raised against the idea of a plebiscite when it was announced. Why was it, they ask, that the matter was debated at such great length in parliament, when, today, so many of those who were strongest in their opposition to the holding of a plebiscite are united in asking for an affirmative vote.

I want to say a word to you tonight on both these matters. I hope that what I say may serve to resolve any doubts in your minds as to the importance of your voting YES; and I hope it may also convince you of the necessity of doing all you can to see that the affirmative vote is as large as possible.