

in whatever may be necessary to achieve victory?" I do not need to say to you, but I must say to myself and repeat it constantly, that nothing else matters except that when this war is over we should live in a free world, in the kind of world in which we want to live.

What does it matter if we come out into that world bankrupt? What does it matter if we come out into that world with lower standards of material living than we have now? What does it matter if in that world the rich are not so rich? What does it matter if in the last resort the business of statesmanship in that new world becomes the business of sharing justly a new and honourable poverty? These things do not matter. The only thing that matters to free men is that the policies under which they live shall be the policies which they themselves have devised as the representatives of their own people.

Sir, I apologize for inflicting upon honourable members these statements of obvious truths. My only apology is that the war is being fought for obvious truths, and this is a fact which we should do well to keep constantly before our minds.

5. *CANADIAN ARMAMENT PRODUCTION, STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY, JUNE 11, 1941.*

One year ago armament orders in Canada totalled less than \$60,000,000. War production consisted merely of a few types of shells, together with a modest output of small arms ammunition. During the past twelve months we have built up a gigantic armament industry in Canada. Over \$400,000,000 has been spent in constructing crown properties for the manufacture of shells, guns, tanks, automotive equipment, bombs and machine tools. Total war orders placed in Canada to date exceed \$1,700,000,000.

To-day we are turning out Bren machine guns in great quantities; trench mortars are being turned out by a plant in one of the smaller manufacturing cities of Quebec; two types of anti-aircraft gun barrels are in substantial production, and both types of complete anti-aircraft guns will be in production by September; 500-pound aerial bombs are being manufactured and filled in our own shell-filling plant; naval anti-aircraft gun mountings, highly intricate pieces of equipment involving the manufacture of 2,000 separate parts, are in production. To-day I can tell the house that Canada has already produced her first 25-pounder artillery gun, and this gun has passed all its firing tests. Before this month is out, these guns and carriages will be produced in considerable numbers. I can also announce for the first time that in another plant our production of 2-pounder guns has been commenced, and that the first consignment