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Do you realize that another five years brings us to 1950? I confess it came as a shock to me when I thought about 1945 and 1950. What this world will witness in those next five years God alone knows. We can only pray that it will not compare with the last five years. Will anyone view this world today without feeling a deep concern as to what lies before us? I remember six or seven years ago looking at Europe at that time and thinking what responsibility might be mine in regard to taking one's country into war, but I felt at that time that we were facing not a conflict that would be local, but a conflict that would spread over the entire world and I used those words when I first spoke about it in the House of Commons.

After nearly six years of terrible conflict we have subdued the enemy that we had to face, but we have still this enemy across the Pacific, but what is worse than all is the condition of hate and mistrust and misery that is the result of the war. I beg of you in choosing the government for the next five years to ask yourselves, of the men offering themselves who are the best qualified to serve us at the present time? We are still in the world war. We are at the moment witnessing nations meeting at San Francisco seeking out a plan which will help to maintain peace, once peace has been secured. The San Francisco meeting will not deal with the making of the peace terms or settle the boundaries of the countries of Europe. All that remains to be done. One of the duties of the new government will be to send to the peace table representatives who will help to make that peace.

You have another great phase of national effort to consider. We have built up over the last five or six years out of a nation entirely at peace, a great war economy. We have organized this whole nation for war. It has been a great effort. When we started we were not doing anything fast enough; criticism was offered on every side in respect to this and that not being right. We held to a definite plan and took each step at a time, and tried to do the work as thoroughly as we could and we have organized Canada as a machine built for war.

We have to change that back from a war economy to a peace economy. We have got to get the war industries changed into industries for peace. Hundreds of thousands of men are coming back from overseas. We have got these problems ahead of us.