

That is of secondary importance. The question involved here is the national existence, as Mr. King says. He says here in his speech, and I agree with it fully, that some people had thought that this was another European war in the beginning. While I happened to have been one of those that thought so and I have paid the price for it, too, two years, and I do not see any justification for continuing to pay the price; but I have no such ideas, have no such opinions, and hold opinions to the contrary and am ready to don a uniform if need be and do my fighting with all other Canadians.

BY MR. MAYBANK:

Q. Now, Mr. Freed, I think probably you have answered --

A. May I quote this from Mr. King's speech at page 3525 on July 10:

"When Canada entered what, in September, 1939, most people believed was going to be 'just another European war,' it was recognized if the war were not successfully ended, our national security would be menaced. But very few contemplated a war which might come to threaten our national existence. That is the position Canada is in to-day. We are engaged with the other free nations of the world in a war of survival."

I agree with that 100 per cent.

Q. I think that you have been answering my questions by some of your statements at least by inference. This was the question: You did not always hold the views that you are now expressing to-day. That is a question, not a statement. A. I see.

Q. That is a question, not a statement. Will you answer that? A. Yes; I did not always hold the views --

Q. Your views have changed? A. Yes, my views changed as all other men's views change in accordance with the changed circumstances.