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and you will know the reason.

And of course the next war will not be like the last. Some eloquent speakers have told you in recent weeks how incomparably more terrible it is bound to be. A great British airman, General Groves, has just written a book called "Behind the Smoke Screen" on the subject. He argues that the next war, if it is allowed to happen, will be fought with aircraft and with poison gas and that destruction of the great cities will be the main objective. He says - I am quoting his words - that such attacks upon great cities like London and Paris "might entail the loss of millions of lives in the course of a few hours". I have heard it said that that picture is a bogey; that General Groves has got his decimal points placed wrong. I know many honest and highly expert people who talk like that. But I remember that at the end of the last war the Allied airmen had what they called "the Berlin Bomb"; they thought that if the campaign of 1919 had ever been fought they could have made Berlin quite impossible to live in. And aircraft, bombs and gas are much improved since then. All the great leaders of political parties in Great Britain believe that Groves is right. But even if he isn't, even if he has his decimals wrong, even if the truth is not one tenth, but one-hundredth of what he says - it still means tens of thousands of dead per day in the great cities.

Surely it is vital, imperative, to prevent a war like that. Surely no other question in human affairs can compare with it in importance.

But how can it be prevented? How can Canada or any nation escape so terrible a prospect as fate thus holds out before us?