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View the War as a Whole

We all forget at times what Mr. Mackenzie King said in Parliament on Monday about viewing the war as a whole, and forgetting to do this, are prone to let every setback depress us unduly and every success elate us equally unduly.

We cannot go through the war taking it in piecemeal, but must realize that its losses and gains will come to us as it draws out through years. It is true that the war is increasing in its fury, yet, as the Prime Minister said, "it is also true that in the months that have elapsed since the downfall of France, Britain's strength has steadily increased." And we must expect that as the war spreads to new seas and shores, "and as mutual destruction continues, as it most certainly will, there will be the inevitable periods of sunshine and shadow for us."

To be frank, to state obvious facts, is not to be pessimistic, although to draw too hopefully on only bright events may incur the falsity of undue optimism. The Prime Minister said the situation is serious, "but certainly no more serious than it has been during the last three months." It is even, he warned us, bound to become increasingly serious. It must, when we remember how formidable is Germany's military strength, to which nothing has ever been comparable.

To overthrow the enemy and to save mankind is, the Prime Minister said, going to take all that all of us can give. The broad outlines of British policy for ultimate victory are believed by him to be fundamentally sound. Freedom

on this continent is inseparable from British freedom, and British freedom is inseparable from the restoration of human freedom wherever it had been destroyed. But in the face of the cold facts, the war to bring about that restoration of freedom may run a long time. This must be remembered, and the war's incidents, phases, each bringing its varied consequences, must not bear us down or lift us up unduly.

The Prime Minister was right when he told Parliament that the public could not be reminded too often that "this war is not a war of weeks or months, but of years." Every period of it is serious, and the present is very serious. These periods will succeed each other before the outcome will appear, although that may be years off. For then, to reach that victorious outcome of this tragic struggle, Canada follows a policy planned in co-operation with Great Britain. Its effects vary, and can be as harrowing as encouraging, but should not be regarded as conclusive in any one or several instances, when time alone, lapsing in years, will show how terrible has been the struggle to win back freedom and safety.