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When war came Canada did not hesitate. But I am bound to say our resolve and our determination has been strengthened by your magnificent endurance. We have been deeply moved by the example of the King and Queen, sharing the dangers and sorrows of their people. We have been stirred by your Prime Minister sounding the battlecry of humanity. But above all we have been inspired by the undaunted courage and the unshaken faith with which millions of ordinary men and women have faced destruction and death. We, in Canada, cannot all share your dangers, but we are proud to share your burdens. We are determined to share them to the utmost of our strength.

You already know something of Canada's war effort. We have transformed one of the least military people on earth into a nation organized for modern war. Our war production gains daily momentum. As the conflict has spread, its intensity has grown and so has our resolve to put forth our utmost effort for your forces as well as ours. Canada today is making ships, aircraft, motor transport, universal carriers, tanks, field guns, machine-guns, anti-aircraft guns, munitions of many kinds, explosives, chemicals, radio devices, electrical equipment and a great many other essentials of modern war.

### Vital Role Taken

Today Canada is the granary and storehouse from which we are sending you all the food that ships can be found to carry. Our country has also become an arsenal of democracy and a shipyard of freedom of the seas.

By British standards our Navy is small. But its strength has increased tenfold since the war began. When invasion first threatened this island, Canada was proud to be able to send her de-

stroyers to join the Royal Navy in guarding your shores. Ships and men of Canada's Navy are taking their full part in the escort of convoys across the North Atlantic passage.

Canada's Air Force also has part of the convoy duty. But the greatest task of the Royal Canadian Air Force—and Canada's greatest single contribution to the common cause—is our part in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Together with the associated Royal Air Force schools for which we have provided a home in Canada, it represents the greatest concentration of air training in the world.

In the Commonwealth plan the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand are associated with Canada. Its purpose is the achievement of decisive supremacy in the air. The results already attained far exceed the original plans.

### Strength Increases

Thousands of graduates of the air training plan already are serving in the R.A.F. or in our own Canadian squadrons in Britain. As the output of air crews increases, more Canadian airmen will serve with the R.A.F., more Canadian squadrons will be formed. Before long the skies over Britain—and over Germany too—will be filled with young airmen from our land.

And here may I pause to repeat what I believe will yet prove to be one of the most remarkable prophecies in all history. The original lines were written in Latin 200 years ago by the author of the "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard."

Happily they have been translated into excellent English verse. I give their message to you brave people of Britain as something to which I believe you may look with confidence:—

"The times will come when  
thou shalt lift thine eyes

"To watch the long-drawn  
battle in the skies

"While aged peasants too  
amazed for words

"Stare at the flying fleets of  
wondrous birds.

"England so long the mistress  
of the sea,

"Where winds and waves con-  
fess her sovereignty,

"Her ancient triumphs yet  
on high shall bear

"And reign the sovereign in  
the conquered air."

In the last Great War the national pride of Canada was fired by the exploits of the Canadian

Corps. When the present war came we set about creating a new Army which we were determined would rival the old. Canada's new Army, I think I may say, is as well-known in many parts of Britain as it is in Canada. Since my arrival I have been proud to hear on all sides that the Canadian Corps under Gen. McNaughton's command is as fine as any military unit in Britain.

In addition to two operational divisions in the Corps there are, in this country, many thousands of Canadian troops, including a Tank Brigade and an infantry division which have recently arrived. Before the year is out we shall send over still another division—this one an armored division.