

The population of Canada today is approximately 43% greater than it was at the time of the last war.

Manpower surveys indicate, however, that the number of men of military age is not much greater than it was in 1914.

At that time, Canada had just had a tremendous influx of young immigrants from the British Isles, a majority of whom were unmarried and well within the age for military service.

Doubtless, however, there is some increase in Canada's manpower resources of military age.

In the last war, when war industry utilized less than half as many people as are engaged today, when we had no Air Training Plan -- and no Home Defence problem -- Canada supported in the field four Divisions.

Efforts to maintain a fifth Division were not successful and the Fifth Division was broken up to provide reinforcements for the other four.