can do it. We are the majority in numbers, we possess the greatest production capacity, we possess the strongest armaments and we have on our side the freedoms that seem so indispensable to the true nature of God made men. We are willing to devote all that to the welfare and uplifting of all men. But if theory crazed totalitarism groups persist in their policies of frustration and futility we will not, for very much longer, allow them to prevent us from using our obvious advantages to improve the conditions of those who do wish to cooperate with us and thereby overcome the difficulties we ourselves are experiencing from the present disruption in the normal flow of trade and the normal exchanges of specialized services between nations and between their respective peoples.

To overcome those difficulties, Governments may have to resort to some measures of regimentation and direction of the economies of their peoples and if and when that is done the efficiency and real helpfulness of those measures will depend upon the manner in which they appeal to you and to the other informed members of our Canadian public.

You may be assured this whole problem is being given and will continue to be given the most careful consideration by the government and by those from whom it takes expert advice in that regard. We are not going to jump at hasty conclusions, but we are not going to stand idly by and allow situations to develop to the point where they would be apt to be irremediable.

We will count upon your whole hearted cooperation and I am sure that if our policies are wisely conceived and put forward in a truly constructive way, we will all be able to rise above considerations of ordinary partisan politics and push them forward with the same patriotic fervor and unselfish unanimity that characterized our national efforts during the strenuous days of the shooting war. Those days are over but we still have with us the prefound dislocations which they brought about and those dislocations have got to be dealt with in the same unselfish spirit that gave us victory in the shooting war. It can be done. Let's, each one of us, make it our business individually and collectively, to see that it is done.

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