

You will note that the first paragraph defined beyond any shadow of doubt what the "aim" was. And the second paragraph ensured that the maintenance of the aim was not to be prejudiced under any circumstances.

Many of you here tonight may think that the selection and maintenance of an aim is much easier in war than it is in peace.

Whether that be so or not is beside the point. Let us for argument's sake assume that the selection of an aim in peace time is difficult--that is no reason why it should be avoided. The hard fact remains that he who chooses an aim and sticks to it will make his way in life--and he who does not will drift aimlessly like a ship without a rudder.

Of course, I cannot venture to suggest towards what specific goal you should direct yourselves--that is a matter for each individual to decide for himself. That free choice of action is one of the great blessings of our way of life in Canada and one of our most cherished possessions.

But I can say this:--If every individual has a clear purpose in life and is prepared to work for it, he will not only benefit himself, but achieve the great aim of making his country happier, stronger and more prosperous.

In concluding my remarks on this principle of war, and of peace, I suggest you ask yourselves: "Have I selected my aim, and if so, am I maintaining my course towards it". If the answer is "no" - then reassess your position and correct your course.

Another principle of war which has its counterpart in peace is -  
"the maintenance of morale".

History affords endless examples that success in war depends more on moral attributes than on material possessions.

I do not want you to misunderstand that statement because numbers, armament and resources, are essential ingredients of victory, but alone they cannot compensate for lack of courage, energy, determination, skill and the bold offensive spirit which springs from pride of race and a national determination to conquer.

Today we are faced with problems at home and abroad, the solution of which will demand every bit as much courage, energy and determination, as were required to win the war.

If we display less of these qualities, we will drift and gradually sink downwards and others will rise above us.

It is only human nature to feel sometimes depressed and discouraged when we gaze out on the world today. But when you feel like that, just think of the difficulties which your forebears overcame to make Canada, the country you enjoy in 1948.

It was only their high morale that made this