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I have been taunted by friends and opponents alike for giving too much of my time and thought to foreign affairs, and thereby neglecting, as they seemed to feel, more immediate domestic problems. I have given, I have no hesitation in admitting, much of my attention to developments abroad. I have done so, not from any wish to avoid domestic difficulties, but because I believed that no lasting solution could be found for our problems at home, while the world was in disorder and the threat of international conflict persisted. I have sought and my colleagues have been at one with me in seeking to remove the causes of conflict insofar as Canada could contribute to that end. The Canadian government are entitled to claim that they have done nothing to add to international misunderstanding and a great deal to promote good relations among nations.

I have never doubted that if the fatal moment came, the free spirit of the Canadian people would again assert itself in the cause of freedom. I have done my utmost to insure that, if war came, our people should be one from coast to coast in recognizing the magnitude of the issue, and one in their determination to meet it with all the strength and power at their