

before leaving Canadian soil, and all under conditions which will make for a fair and honest election.

Even more important, however, is the fact that not only have the people of Canada been enabled in the past eight weeks to hear the issues fully discussed at a time of comparative quiet in Europe, but the government itself will ^{from now on} be placed in a position to give its whole time and attention to the prosecution of Canada's war effort at a time that this is certain to be most needed. We are fortunate indeed that we have been able to conclude this electoral campaign before the whole European situation has reached its most alarming and appalling stage. One thing is certain, we cannot expect fighting to be confined to the sea and the air much longer, nor to be on the limited scale it has been thus far. It is well for all of us that the elections are now so nearly over. Just imagine the agony of mind of every elector in Canada, if, on top of two months political contention in Parliament, we had now to look forward to another two months of the same sort of thing in the country, with, in addition, as I greatly fear will prove to be a fact, war raging on an intensified scale in Europe, and conditions in other parts of the world still more unsettled.