

I see no reason whatever to alter the course there outlined because of anything which has taken place, in either the federal or provincial political arenas, since these words were spoken. Indeed, all that has since taken place, in the arena of war, affords to my mind the strongest of reasons for adhering with greater determination than ever to the resolution there expressed. Let me repeat its words:

"Our men face a terrible ordeal of battle. Until victory is achieved, above all else, they must command a singleness of purpose in our hearts and minds, and the utmost that our country can give in their support."

It was in that light, and in that light alone, at the time of Parliament's adjournment on July 24th, that I felt any question as to the time for a general election in Canada should be viewed. I hold to that opinion more strongly than ever today.

Circumstances governing the date of an election

This does not mean that a general election may not have to be held before the war is over, or rather before an armistice may be declared in Europe on the basis of the unconditional surrender of Germany. How long it may take to overthrow the Nazi tyranny and the military might of Germany no one can say. About all we can be reasonably certain of is that, as

Mr. Churchill