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of all our soldiers, sailors, and airmen, whether across the seas, on the seas, or in Canada have been safely recorded and this year's general election completely over before war has broken in all its fury upon Europe. You will never know how relieved and, may I add, how proud I feel, that the Canadian people have shown to other parts of the British Empire, and to other countries, that it has been possible for Canada to carry through a general election at a time of war, without impairing the united war effort of a united country. For all of this, I am deeply grateful to you.

**The making of history and the safeguarding of liberty.**

I believe that all who have given the present administration their support today have rendered the highest possible service to our country at this time. Not to our country alone, but also to Britain and France, and to those small nations whose freedom has been destroyed, threatened or imperilled by the most relentless, cruel and brutal of foes. This great service does not belong to the present alone, or to those countries alone. It is a contribution to the future of the world itself. I hope that the men and women who have given the government their support today will find their reward in the part which they have thus played in the making of history, and the safe-guarding of liberty.

You have seen with clear eyes that the great issue before us has in reality been the only issue which matters. It has been the war effort of a free people fighting to maintain freedom. I have personally tried to look beyond the present into the dark and threatening years that lie before us. I have asked you to do the same. The result of this election is proof that you, yourselves, have felt that a vigorous and united war

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effort of a united Canada is necessary above all things not only effectively to aid Britain and France in their struggle to preserve freedom in Europe but essential as well to preserve true freedom in our own land.

**Standards in Canadian public life preserved by the people.**

By your votes, you have expressed once, and I trust for all time, your disapproval of methods of political campaigning which if permitted to gain a foothold in our Dominion, or in any of its provinces, would soon destroy the free institutions of government and the accepted standards of our public life. I would particularly like to extend my congratulations to the City of Kingston with its historic military associations. It has honoured itself and Canada by ensuring to this country the services of a great Minister of National Defence whose character, ability and integrity have risen triumphant over a concentrated sequence of unwarranted attacks.

During the present campaign, as you are all well aware, I have done my best to avoid personalities, and to refrain from any form of attack which might leave behind it, bitter memories or wounds which it might be hard to heal. I have done this, not only because such conduct is, I believe, foreign to my nature, but because I have felt that the labours and the sacrifices which will be necessary before victory is assumed, will need the co-operative good-will of us all.

**An appeal to all to unite for Victory, Peace and Freedom.**

I can find no words which better express my feelings tonight than those uttered by Abraham Lincoln when his party was returned victorious at a time of Civil War. "While

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