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All of these are vital services, and the men engaged in them are contributing to the war effort of Canada and of Britain. It is the duty of the government to maintain in proper balance the many, and sometimes competing demands for men. Unless the navy, the air force and war production are to suffer, the whole of our attention and all the energies of the government cannot be concentrated on raising the army. The government is as anxious as any of its critics to raise as large an army as Canada can equip and maintain in the field, having due regard to two vital factors. First, the army must not be allowed to absorb so many men that the navy, the air force and war production will be starved of manpower. Secondly, the army establishment must not be permitted to grow so large that the reinforcements will not be available to keep up its strength to the very end of a long war.

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Surely it behooves all of us to profit from the experience of Russia. The Russians have not lacked manpower in their armies. The shortage which is appearing is not a shortage of men but a shortage of supplies. It is also clear from the recent debates in Britain that it was lack of equipment rather than a lack of men which precluded a military diversion in Europe during the past summer. If this war has taught us any lesson, we have surely learned

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