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CANADA AND THE WAR

Speech by
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I.

Introductory - Reply to speech by Leader of Opposition.

- The preservation of liberty
- A plea for toleration
- A truce to party strife
- Consultation with party leaders
- Government policy duly set forth
- Germany's aims and ambitions
- Helpful suggestions welcomed
- Government's attitude towards profiteering and patronage
- Empire and domestic problems
- The forces of good and evil

II.

Background of the present conflict.

- A sense of impending calamity
- A steady progression of acts of aggression
- Continuous increase in Canadian defence expenditures
- The invasion of Poland
- Events since March 15, 1939