

here, free men freely elected by a free people,
legislate for their fellow citizens;
to-day, Nazi tyranny would seek to impose its
evil will on the world, and destroy power of other
nations to determine own destinies;
the fate of democracy and of human freedom rests
on strength of its armed forces.

While the measure of that strength depends largely on
material resources, it also depends on the spirit
of the people.

Of the determination of Canada, there can be no doubt;
it is shown in the way in which Canadian people are
accepting the increasing burdens of war;
it is reflected in the bearing and in the countenances
of the men before me.

In front of the Regiment stands Parliament;
overhead is the Peace Tower, containing within its
walls a memorial chamber dedicated to those who
fought and fell in the last War;
their spirit and sacrifice reaches out to you who
have freely dedicated your lives in a great cause,
on the outcome of which rests the fate of humanity
itself.