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defence of the American continent would be somewhat irrelevant.

If fighting came to Canada's shores certain tremendous events would have taken place to make that possible. Allied sea power in the oceans of the world would have come to an end. Australia would have been reduced and Britain rendered impotent. Canadians would fight to defend their own. With them would be associated the people of the United States and possibly, but not certainly, the people of South America. It would be a last ditch battle.

This brings us to those who say that Canadian forces should not be sent abroad but should be kept here in the defence of the Dominion. The tragic flaw in that theory is that it would then be too late. The enemy must be fought away from our shores if victory is to be attained. That is the strategy wholeheartedly accepted by President Roosevelt and the American people. It cannot be otherwise. That is why the Russian front is at present the most important and why Russia has been placed at the top of the lease-lend nations by Mr. Roosevelt. Defeatist or not, the belief that the war will be lost if fighting comes to Canadian soil is not a fantastic one.

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