

the armed forces of Canada since the war began, up to the end of 1941". Mr. Ralston pointed out that over 18,000 more had enlisted for service anywhere in the world in the month of January, and he added these words: "You can hardly say that the voluntary system has failed".

And I ask you also to note these words:

"I have faith in the success of the voluntary method if we all do our part. With the background and traditions which this country possesses, and which it would be folly to ignore, I prefer the voluntary method if it works, and I shall do all I can to make it work".

Surely no words could be clearer. The government has not changed its policy. We believe the voluntary system of enlisting our overseas army is better suited to Canadian needs and Canadian conditions, so long as it proves adequate to uphold our national security and to defend our national existence.

At the same time, we do not know what the future holds. No one can say where the danger to Canada may be greatest or how it may best be met, before this terrible conflict is ended. The people of Canada cannot afford to gamble with their safety. They cannot afford to take needless risks with their future. They cannot neglect any

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