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the struggle, and that Canada entered the war by the deliberate decision of the Canadian Parliament, was evidence of our immediate realization that the peace of the world was one and indivisible. If the peace and security of Europe were threatened, so also were the peace and security of Canada. No one could say where the aggressor might strike.

The war effort of Canada was an all-out effort. It was planned, and carried out to the limit of our ability, for two main reasons. We wanted to help to bring the war to a victorious close at the earliest possible day. We also wanted Canada's contribution to be an order which would entitle us to share effectively in the making of the peace.

May I say a word in reference to the nations of Europe against which Canada, in common with her allies, declared the existence of a state of war, and with whose future the present Conference is immediately concerned.

Italy and Finland, Hungary and Roumania have, like other nations of Europe, each made their contribution to the up-building of the Canadian people. Many thousands of our citizens, whose parents came to Canada as humble immigrants not so very long ago, returned to fight in Europe as Canadian soldiers volunteers in the war to preserve democracy from Fascist aggression. We welcome the opportunity, which the making of peace affords, for the emergence, in the lands of their forefathers, of new governments and institutions dedicated to the realization of those ideals of Right and Justice for which we believe the war was fought. Of the countries in the world taking part in this Conference,

Canada has, from these close associations of blood and history a particular interest in hoping that, out of the peace treaties, will come settlements which will be definitive, because they will be recognized as fair and just.

The process of peace-making is seldom an easy process. Let us frankly admit that the course which has been followed has not, in all respects, been that which some of us had hoped for. That perhaps may be said of all the countries represented here.

We in Canada felt that the measure of our participation in the war against aggression would have warranted a similar measure of participation in the decisions of peace. In the event, these hopes are not being realized. We have, however, the limited opportunity afforded by our participation in this Conference not only to assist in shaping the first of the peace treaties, but also to make known our views on certain instalments of the general peace settlement.