

## Defence Won't Win the War

Recently the *Vancouver Daily Province* observed: "The world war will have been hopelessly lost to the Allies if it comes to fighting on Canadian soil in British Columbia or the Maritimes." The *Vancouver Sun* promptly rebuked its rival, saying: "To say that if we have to fight in Canada we shall have lost the war is a defeatist view which no Canadian should admit for a moment."

"Defeatist" is an ugly word, and seems to be misapplied in this case. The *Province* was trying to be realistic and the underlying theory of its claim is far from unsound. This is a global war and to obtain a clear grasp of events that fact must be kept clearly in mind. The essential struggle is for mastery of the great land masses of the world. If the Axis powers gain control of the largest mass—Europe, Asia and Africa—the outlook would be black indeed and the

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