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If we had not sent the munitions that we have sent abroad, apart from what we did for our own troops, I doubt if the war would have ended when it did. These things have all helped to bring the war to a close sooner than it would have. These countries will never forget what has been done and as the opportunity comes in the future Canada will be blest for what she has done for others. We are facing the reconstruction of Europe. In Europe whole countries have been ravished and houses destroyed and little food and clothing. If someone did not come to their help from outside there would be total misery.

Our nation is sending under the UNRRA large quantities of supplies of food and clothing. Is that helping much? All that food and clothing has to be paid for and every dollar that is paid for it coming out of the public treasury is money put into circulation and that is money giving employment and that is why we are helping today to raise these people on their feet so they can look after themselves and we are being blessed by plenty of employment. This country is dependent on its foreign trade for prosperity. We cannot trade with these people, they have not the purchasing power and cannot take our goods and pay for them. But once they are restored we will have the markets and they come to want more of our goods.

I might speak of our housing policy. The government has made provision which will <sup>be</sup> helpful to persons wishing to repair or build a new house. In connection with the external trade, we have made arrangements to give credits to these countries.

One other great reform we have put into force or which will come into force on the first of July. What has been done in respect to family allowances? Here is a great social reform. I hope you will get clearly in your minds what the government has been aiming at in that direction. After all is not the great asset of a nation its population and of the population are not the children the real hope of the nation? If they are not properly housed or educated can you expect a good citizenship to grow up?

One of the astonishing things of this war is the number of persons who are offering their services in the armed forces who had to be rejected. Why? I venture to say that the impairment of constitution did not come