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The issue is not conscription

In the address I broadcast on April 7th, I told you that the issue in the plebiscite was not conscription. You are not being asked to decide whether conscription should be adopted for service overseas. You are asked to free the hands of the government from any obligation. You are asked to give to the government and to Parliament the same freedom and the same responsibility in this one aspect of our war effort that we already possess in all other aspects.

The policy of the government regarding conscription for service overseas has not changed. It was set forth recently in Parliament by the Minister of National Defence. I do not think I can express it better than by repeating Mr. Ralston's own words. I ask you to give particular attention to his words:

"So much", he said, "has been said about compulsory service that I want to say a word about voluntary enlistments. I want to see voluntary enlistments kept up. I believe it is better for our voluntary army if the men coming to reinforce it are also volunteers".

"Here is the record", Mr. Ralston continued. 422,000 young men of Canada have voluntarily enlisted in