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**Agriculture Adapted to War Needs—  
the Farmer's Interest Safeguarded.**

While the War Supply Board has been bringing our industrial resources into preparation and action, two other branches of government have been concerned with matters which intimately affect the welfare of each one of you. The Agricultural Supplies Committee has been working steadily, with two objects in view. It has been trying, with success, to adapt our farming methods to the needs of war. It has been planning to prevent disaster to agriculture in the period after the war. The Canadian farmer made a tremendous contribution to the winning of the last war. He is helping to win this war. We do not propose, if we can avoid it, that he should lose the fruit of his labours, or find himself, in peace time, once again the victim of a depression which he did nothing to create.

**The Consumers' Interest Watched—  
Prices Controlled.**

There is another matter which affects the well-being of each one of you. Most of all, it concerns the lives of those whose main problem is meeting the cost of the necessities which keep body and soul together. In order to prevent, as far as is humanly possible, the placing of additional burdens upon the workers of this land, the government, as early as September 3rd, set up the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. That Board, as you are aware, has done its work well. I regret I have not time tonight to describe what it has accomplished. I may tell you, however, that we have given its members very wide powers. I promise you, that as long as vigour and vigilance, and the punishment of the guilty can prevent such a calamity, there will be no undue rise in the cost of the necessities of life.

This, Ladies and Gentlemen, has been the record of the war effort of the present administration at this time of crisis in the world's affairs. What I have told you relates almost

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exclusively to the period which has elapsed since the beginning of war—a period of less than half a year.

**National Unity and War Effort Inseparable.**

In my first broadcast, I told you how the present government had brought to the side of Britain and France the united war effort of a united Canada. I told you what had to be done, and what had not to be done, to achieve that end. I told you of the responsible trust placed upon my colleagues and myself to preserve calm and patience during the long and difficult months that preceded the tragedy of war. In this broadcast, I have told you something of the energy and vigour with which, since we entered the war, the present Administration has prosecuted Canada's war effort. National unity was maintained prior to, and at the moment of, the declaration of war. The war effort was made possible by the unity thus achieved. Never forget that the two are inseparable.

This is the record which the Leader of the Opposition says constitutes the issue in the present election. He appeals to you to defeat the government because of the inefficiency of its war effort. I maintain that, if ever a government was entitled to the continued confidence of the people because of the manner in which, at a time of war, it had administered a great national trust, the present government merits that confidence. At all events, it is for you to judge. It is your interests and your future that today are being weighed in the political balance.

**The People to Decide.**

My colleagues and I are quite prepared to be judged on our record by the people of this country. Happily, it is to your judgment that we make our appeal. This election will determine your representation in the Parliament of Canada for the next five years. It affords you a full and free opportunity to decide what is best for yourselves.

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