

**How Best to Give Effect to Will of People—
(b) in Relation to Peace and Post-war Problems.**

Every thoughtful Canadian has before him, as an incentive to highest endeavour, the vision of a new and juster world in which humble men and women may be allowed to live in freedom in the land of their fathers.

The men whom you choose to entrust with the responsibility of government must be ready not only to face unflinchingly the dire necessities of war; they must also be prepared with a sense of national unity, and the idealism of international good-will, to face the problems of peace.

We often hear of the ideals of racial tolerance and good neighbourhood on which our own nationhood is founded. We cannot hear of them too often. No one surely will deny that a Canada in which East and West, French and English, Catholic and Protestant, Capital and Labour, contribute to real national unity can bring more precious gifts to the building of the new world than a Canada torn asunder by sectional, racial, religious or social conflicts.

**People Themselves to Decide Canada's Future
and Their Own Fate.**

The decision is yours. It is not your representatives in Parliament who are now being asked to decide on the present and future of this country at a time of war. It is you, yourselves, who are not only the masters of Parliament, but, as never before, the masters of your own fate.

I say to you that never have the Canadian people been called upon to make so serious a decision. On that decision will depend not only our contribution to the war, but the maintenance of our own integrity and unity as a nation in a

shattered world, to which a united Canada may well bring a new hope to mankind.

I would earnestly suggest that before arriving at your decision you ask yourselves these questions:

Should not this great task be entrusted to men who, tried in the school of experience, familiar with the problems to be faced, and advocates of policies widely supported, have throughout been united by a community of views?

Or should the conduct of your government in these critical days be handed over to men, most of whom are without experience in government, and who are bound together by no common principles or agreed policies?

When a vague suggestion is made of a "national" government of all the talents, you would do well to ask and to insist upon knowing who the men will be, and what talents they possess.

Is it not further essential that you should know whether they represent, in fair proportion, the two great races of this Dominion? It is my firm conviction, on which I have acted throughout my political life, that our national unity can only be maintained by a government in which there is always an intimate and generous association between French and English. My own relations, over so many years, with that most loyal and truest of colleagues, the Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, have themselves reflected that equal and cordial partnership between the original founders of this nation.

A United War Effort of a United Canada.

A united war effort of a united Canada represents, I believe, the heartfelt desire of the Canadian people. If you will ask yourselves the questions I have suggested, ponder them in your hearts, and answer them as Canadians, I have no doubt of what your decision will be.