

numbers, as we have increased the output of war supplies. Our whole war effort, in men and materials alike, has steadily gained in momentum, in volume, and in power.

#### *Canada's War Effort*

For twelve months you have borne the brunt of the enemy's attacks. Your towns, your ports, your workshops, and your homes, are still his main target. Every month, from now on, as in the past, will see more Canadians with you to share in your defence.

Ever since your shores were threatened, Canadian soldiers have stood on guard with yours prepared to drive back the invader. Impatient at times, that they have not come to grips with the foe, we and they are nonetheless proud that they have been given the high duty and the grave responsibility of sharing in the defence of Britain itself. As the Canadian Corps Commander, General McNaughton, has pointed out, theirs it is to help garrison the one vital citadel, the retention of which decides the war. You know that they are ready to go and that we are equally ready to have them go, wherever their service may count for most. During the present year, we shall despatch to Britain a third infantry division, a tank brigade, an armoured division and many reinforcements, all equipped and maintained at our own expense.

Ships of Canada's navy have, as you know, been engaged with your ships in the coastal waters of Britain. Other Canadian ships are taking their part in the duties of convoy on the great passageway of the Atlantic, so vital, not only to the present of Britain, but also to the future of Canada and of the United States of America.

Canadian air squadrons, too, have been taking their part in the Battle of Britain. In the Royal Canadian Air Force we have to-day 50,000 men. Every day that valiant brotherhood receives many new comrades in the proud partnership we enjoy with Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom in the British Commonwealth Air Training plan which this year will double the number of its enlistments.

In this land of great horizons, clear skies and wide spaces, over 50 training schools, 20 manning depots and 20 recruiting centres are already in full operation. From this source is flowing to Britain an ever-growing stream of pilots, observers and gunners. They are already crossing in thousands and will continue to come to you in ever increasing numbers.

"England, so long the mistress of the sea,  
Where winds and waves confess her sovereignty,  
Her ancient triumphs yet on high shall bear,  
And reign, the sovereign of the conquered air."

In this war of machines, we are making machines of war for you, as well as for ourselves. We will also continue to send you all the food which ships can be found to carry. But we will not stop there. We recognize the tremendous financial burden you are bearing. That burden as well we are ready to continue to share in increasing measure. The loan now being launched is to aid our great endeavour.

In conclusion, may I send to you, Mr. Churchill, warmest greetings and remembrances of what to me has been a valued friendship of many years. It is a proud privilege, indeed, to share with you some of the responsibilities and burdens of a people's trust. I only wish I could tell you what Canada thinks of you. To us you are the personification of Britain in this her greatest hour. Your noble words, your high courage, your inflexible resolve, have been an inspiration and a tower of strength. Our citizens, English-speaking and French-speaking alike, and all who have come to us from other lands, hail you as the captain of the great host of free men. Your gallant leadership is marshalling the forces of freedom throughout the world. May God continue to give to you, the strength, the vision and the wisdom so greatly needed in so great a task.