

Air, on the Sea, in food, in finance, will be lost sight of in the controversy over this one restriction. The fact that nearly 300,000 volunteers for service anywhere are enrolled in Canada's Army will be forgotten. The one restriction will continue to be magnified out of all proportion to its true significance. The moment the restriction is removed and the government is free and Parliament is equally free to debate the issue of conscription on its merits, it will soon become evident that the question of conscription is merely a question of method. We will then be able to see that it is not the method by which men are raised but the number of men raised which constitutes our war effort in manpower. If conscription is not adopted, the reason for failure to adopt it will be because it is unnecessary, not because of a pledge.

This brings me to the second reason why the hands of the government should be free. They should be free because there is a possibility that conscription for service outside Canada may become necessary to our own security and our own defence before this war is over. There is no present need of conscription for service overseas. The government does not at present anticipate any necessity for conscription for service overseas. We are