

production peak this summer, but as the months have gone by we have been called upon to assume additional responsibilities for new types of armaments. So far as we can see now, we shall still have an expanding programme running into the spring months of next year. I may say, however, that to-day production is up to any anticipation that I have ever had, taking the programme as a whole, and I believe that Canadian industry is capable of still further expansion. Steps are being taken to bring our output up to the new maximum that we can now visualize.

6. *MOTION TO ADJOURN HOUSE TO NOVEMBER 3, MOVED BY PRIME MINISTER ON JUNE 12, 1941.*

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That when this house adjourns on conclusion of current business of the session it stand adjourned until November 3, 1941, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with his majesty's government, that the public interest requires that the house should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the house shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

This motion was agreed to on June 12, 1941, and the house was adjourned on June 14, until November 3, 1941.

7. *REVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND OF CANADA'S WAR EFFORT, STATEMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER, JUNE 13, 1941.*

With the consent of the house I should like to make the statement at once, as in all probability either to-day or to-morrow will be the last occasion on which there will be a favourable opportunity.

Whether it is better to fight and lose, or not to fight at all, is one of the oldest questions facing military strategists confronted with an enemy of superior strength. Reverses there are bound to be, and we must not lose heart when they come.

When we recall that up till a year ago Britain placed her main reliance on the French forces in Syria and north Africa and on the French fleet in the Mediterranean for the protection of the common allied interests in the whole Mediterranean basin, and then reflect that a year has passed since the collapse of France and no vital British position has yet been lost, it should give us cause, not for satisfaction certainly, but at least for thankfulness.