

to PM P³

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I am glad also to add, that attention is being given by many agencies in Canada to the tremendous problems of re-adjustment which will confront this nation and our people once the triumph of our arms has vanquished our present enemy. There must be vigilance and resolution to meet other enemies which may arise from within: the enemies of fear, of want, of doubt and despair. There must be confidence in the ability of the people of Canada to build for themselves and for future generations a society that shall be free and strong, and just