

that I trust it may not be necessary to hold a general election before the hour at which we may look forward to welcoming back, to their own homeland, those of that great company of the sons and daughters of Canada who have survived the ordeal of battle in the different theatres of war. Whether a general election can be delayed until that time, I cannot say. I have indicated to you, as far as, at the moment, I am able to foresee them, the circumstances that will govern the decision.

We owe it to our fighting men to ensure, by our united support, the success of their arms. We owe this no less to the memory of those men who at sea, on land and in the air already have given their lives; and to those also who have given their strength or their liberty that we may continue to enjoy the freedom we have, and to provide for others a larger freedom than most men have yet enjoyed. This can, I believe, be realized if, until victory is achieved, our fighting men command a singleness of purpose in our hearts and minds, and the utmost that our country can give in their support.