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THE ORGANIZATION OF CANADA'S WAR EFFORT

Parliament and the Government

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Fellow Canadians:

On Friday evening last, I sought to clarify the issue in the present war. To-night, I wish to outline Canada's war effort. This I shall attempt only in so far as Parliament and the Government are concerned. Of our country's co-operative effort, as voluntarily organized in other ways, I shall leave it to others to speak.

Summoning of Parliament and its proceedings

As you will recall, it was on September the 7th that Parliament met in special war session. I made it clear that Parliament had been summoned to decide whether or not Canada should enter the war. Both Houses were informed that the vote on the Address would constitute the decision of Parliament. By September the 9th the Address had been adopted unanimously by the Senate, and all but unanimously by the House of Commons. Upon adjournment of the Commons, the Cabinet met in my office shortly before midnight. An order in council was passed informing His Majesty the King of the decision of Parliament. The order was later approved by His