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This anniversary of Canada's entry into the war at the side of Britain is an occasion for sober reflection and for national ~~rededication~~. There were perhaps few among us who could have foreseen - even had prediction been advisable - what the course of this war would have been. There were some, indeed many, who have never mistaken the real issue in a titanic conflict; and I am sure it is important, on yet another occasion, to lay a special emphasis on the issue in the struggle as distinct from the cause of hostilities and the incidents which have filled up three years of conflict. I recall this emphasis and this distinction in ^{this House of Commons} ~~speaking to my~~ ~~fellow-citizens of Canada~~ today in order that we may be constantly on the alert against the peril which confronts us on every side.

It is perhaps commonplace to say that the war is not merely a struggle between opposing armies and navies and air forces. It cannot be measured in the grim terms of tanks and guns and ship and planes, still less in terms of the lives of men and women, whether in the front line or in varied occupations nearer home. Neither is it mainly a world-wide race for control of great spaces of the globe, for mastery of its strategic lines of communication, or for the unhampered use of important raw materials. All of these go to make up a war of all the continents on all the continents. But the real issue seems to me to lie far deeper. Our enemies the Axis powers are concerned with territorial