

Should this assertion be disputed, I would ask, not that the word of any public man in Canada be accepted, but that we seek the verdict of any of the allied nations. In particular, I would ask, what is the view held by the Chiefs of Staff of Great Britain and the United States who, but yesterday, were assembled in conference at Quebec? And, what is the opinion of those great men, the Prime Minister of Great Britain and the President of the United States, who today share in the supreme direction of the war?

It is unthinkable that all this means nothing to the people of Canada; that it means nothing to the fathers and mothers who have seen their sons and daughters leave their homes in Canada to serve in all quarters of the globe; that it means nothing to the fighting forces themselves. Is it to be said that the present administration has lost the confidence of the country because we have never lost sight of our supreme duty? Is it to be said that we have lost the country's confidence because we have performed so well the one task that matters most; done so well in the one thing that is, and will remain, the supreme task of any government until the war is won?