

far as our party is concerned, so long as the reservation that has been made is observed, we shall be glad to discuss matters pertaining to our war effort and get a complete report upon it on the main war appropriation bill, which will come up in due course. I think the minister will find that it will be very easy to arrive at an agreement which will meet the government's wishes and give them the necessary funds with which to carry on.

### THE FIGHTING FRENCH

#### STATEMENT AS TO LIAISON BETWEEN CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL DE GAULLE'S ORGANIZATION

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Weyburn (Mr. Douglas) asked me on Friday last:

May I ask the Prime Minister what liaison is being maintained between the Canadian government and the fighting French organization in London under General de Gaulle?

The answer is that contact is maintained with the fighting French through the delegate in Ottawa of the French national committee, Major Gabriel Bonneau, whose appointment in this capacity, in succession to Colonel Pierrene, was announced by the Department of External Affairs last week. Major-General G. P. Vanier, Minister Designate to the allied governments in the United Kingdom, has been appointed to act in consultation with the French national committee on matters relating to the conduct of the war.

### GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

#### CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The house resumed from Friday, February 5, consideration of the motion of Mr. W. E. Harris (Grey-Bruce) for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Graydon, and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Coldwell.

Mr. W. A. TUCKER (Rosthern): Mr. Speaker, my first words this afternoon I should like to be those of joy at the safe return from the epic conference at Casablanca of the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain. I am sure it is the hope of all of us that both may be spared to continue to give to their respective countries that courageous and far-sighted leadership which they have given up until

now, and that they will be spared to see their countries through to the victory which I hope is not too far in the future.

My next word I should like to be one of satisfaction and pleasure at the continued good health of our own leader, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King). I have noticed that throughout the country, for one reason or another, there is not the same tendency to hold up his leadership to the approbation of our people that all are disposed to give to the leadership of the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain. Our Prime Minister is the leader of our nation at war. Whether or not the decision was right that Canada should go into this war, that issue was finally decided when this country declared war on the German reich on September 10, 1939. He is now the leader of the whole Canadian people, and there should be no further argument because the only way in which this country can survive is by victory of our cause. That has been recognized by such leaders as Herbert Hoover in the United States, who stated plainly, just recently, that no matter what one might have thought before Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, that question is now at an end; the United States is in the war; the only way to get out of it safely is to win it, and all the people, without reservation, should get behind their commander-in-chief. Those words should be taken to heart by everybody in Canada; because, no matter what our beliefs as to what should be the future set-up in Canada, no matter what race or religious creed we happen to belong to, it would be very bad for all of us if we did not win this war, and it is only by unity that we can hope to make the maximum contribution to victory. For this reason I am happy and pleased that the right hon. gentleman who now leads the government is at the head of the country at this time.

Looking over the situation at the outbreak of the war, with the problems which obviously would confront us as a people, anyone, to whatever party he might belong, could not but see that the unity of this country was to be tested as it had never been before. I believe I can say that Canada is more united to-day from coast to coast than she has been at any other time since the war began. Many thought that this stage of our effort would find Canada at war within herself because of issues which were bound to arise. That has not happened. I believe that everybody, regardless of party, should, if he is honest, give the credit to our Prime Minister for his able and fearless leadership which has achieved this. Without this unity obviously we could