

1. Navy: Cannot bring a war to a decision alone. Trafalgar, the most decisive naval victory ever gained, was fought ten years before the termination of the war with Napoleon.
2. Army: Soldiers who are citizens first.
3. Air force: As complement to navy and army. Exploration; survey; commerce; transportation.
4. Organization of population and resources.

Coal fuel is an important factor in defence of Canada.

Defence force requirements should be co-ordinated by a ministry of defence with defence staff.

(d) Four essentials for efficient citizen defence force.

1. Highly trained staff; corps of well trained officers; constant changes in war.
2. Proper numbers, pro rata with population: "God on side of the big battalions."—Napoleon.
3. Sufficient training—national crime to send youth to war untrained.
4. Adequate supply of war material—deficiencies paid for in lives.

TRAINING.

Patriotic zeal alone cannot cope with a disciplined force.

Any attempt to employ war levies in a military emergency would result in the annihilation of the men of whom they are composed.

"It never troubles the wolf how many sheep there be."

Training takes time and money. War does also, but costs lives in addition. Military training saves lives in peace and in war.

Military training prepares our young manhood for the privilege and obligation of serving their country in time of need and make them better citizens and elevate the physical, mental and moral standard of the Canadian people.

Every able bodied youth has the right to demand physical and mental training of his country.

War is seldom a matter of choice.

If we don't fight we pay;

If we do fight we must win or pay.

To win we must be able to fight as soldiers; not as a mob. Hence necessity for an adequate defence force.

(e) Some advocates of unpreparedness say we have sufficient trained men in the country and that we should have a naval and military holiday for a term of years. That is tantamount to saying "if a war occurs, let the veterans do it; they know how."

(f) Value of a strong or moderate sized defence force. Many military experts agree that had the British empire been in a position to put 500,000 trained men in the field in 1914, within a month of the outbreak of war, that Germany would have avoided war. Result: thirty million casualties saved. Germans also tried to take advantage of and counted on the lack of organization within the empire.

(g) If the instrument for the preservation and restoration of peace is not obsolete, then no one can claim to be a good citizen of Canada unless he does his best to see that our citizen defence force is efficient and sufficient if ever and where ever it is needed. Unpreparedness will never keep us out of war, but preparedness may. The world is gradually contracting due to advances in science of transportation and geographical position is no longer much protection. Protection afforded us by Great Britain at every stage of our development—outposts of empire protected by Union Jack.