

point to the desirability of limiting our actions regarding war financial programmes in this Parliament to the granting of an appropriation intended only to cover the period up to the time when the next Parliament can take over, and further to the desirability of not embarking on any major changes in policy at this time."

Speaking of Canada's share with the allied forces in the war against Japan the Minister of Finance added: "There are necessarily still many uncertainties as to the nature and course of the war in the Far East and the share which we can most effectively take in bringing it to an end. Providentially, the course of developments in that theatre of war during recent months has outrun the expectations of most of us, and it would appear at least to a layman that the forces of our Allies under General McArthur are considerably ahead of their schedule."

While it is true that it is impossible to predict with accuracy the nature and course of the war in the Far East, or to decide at present on the part which Canada can most effectively take in helping to bring to an end the war against Japan, the nature of Canadian participation has been constantly kept in mind by the government, and has been given most careful consideration over a considerable period of time. The question is one immediately related to the overall plans