We have a recruiting programme for the coming year. After that recruiting programme has been met, the figures seem to indicate that our total reserve of manpower available for military service will be approximately 250,000.

If we call up, under the Mobilisation Act, these 250,000 men, we can completely replace every member of the Active Army now stationed on duty in Canada, and we should still have 120,000 men left over. Out of these 120,000 men, experience indicates one-half would volunteer for overseas service, thus giving us another 60,000 recruits and augmenting our home defence forces by 60,000.

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