

of a total representation of sixty-five. In the new Parliament the Liberal members from Quebec will number only thirty-six and the solidarity of the French vote is broken beyond repair.

But it is in Ontario that the full avalanche of disaster has fallen upon the Liberals. The great central province, the real pivot of the national life of Canada, is swept clean from end to end. Of its eighty-six members, seventy-three are Conservative. In the capital city of Toronto, which contains five constituencies, only one of the Liberal candidates obtained enough votes to prevent the forfeit of his election deposit. In Ontario, the Liberals, or to put it more fairly the Reciprocity men, find themselves, in the homely phrase of the jubilant rural editor, "licked off the face of the map."

Manitoba shows an almost equal Conservative victory. Of its Parliamentary delegation of ten members only two are Liberals. From the Pacific Province of British Columbia a solid phalanx of seven Conservatives will journey gaily to Ottawa without a single Liberal to keep them company. The grain provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, it is true, have held tight to their allegiance. Before the election the Liberals held thirteen of their seventeen seats: the Liberal representation will now be increased to fifteen members; but so small a ray of sunlight struggles vainly with the hopeless darkness of the Liberal outlook.

Not only is the party overwhelmed, but its leaders, the late Ministers of the Crown, are those buried most deeply by the political landslide. Of thirteen Ministers who offered themselves to the electorate, seven are defeated. Mr. Fielding and Mr. Patterson, the twin craftsmen of the Compact, are out of Parliament. Mr. Mackenzie King, Sir Frederick Borden, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Graham and Mr. Templeman lie buried beside them. Mr. Pugsley, of St. John, New Brunswick, in despite of the prestige of his position as Minister of Public Works, is only declared elected by two votes and hangs suspended by a thread over the yawning gulf of an electorate recount. Mr. Lemieux and Mr. Beland enjoy the mingled consolation and chagrin of being elected in one constituency and defeated in another.