

he cannot go down to Quebec, appeal to the citizens, invite them to enlist and tell them that he will lead them, not only to the sea-board, but to the other side of the Atlantic, and lead them in battle. If the Government were anxious to have recruits from Quebec, they should have sent men of military training and knowledge to that province. They should select men who would be understood by the French Canadians, and in whom they would have confidence, who would have said to them, "Enlist, and come with me. I will lead you to the battlefront and will stay with you in the battle." Such an effort has not been made. Nobody knows better than I do that the French Canadians are a law-abiding, courageous people. I have lived among them, and most of my employees have been French Canadians. If the French Canadians have confidence in a man they will follow him a good deal more closely and place more reliance on him than most Englishmen would follow their leader. But the Government did not send men of military training to Quebec to recruit. They did not give Quebec a fair and honest trial. They commenced by calling them slackers. The war had hardly commenced before Ontario was hurling insult at them about being slackers, and not enlisting. Ontario appears to be very much interested in Quebec, and it spends a lot of time and energy abusing the people of Quebec for not recruiting. I think if they had spent part of the time in trying to do justice to the minority in Ontario, by granting them the right to teach their children in their own language, instead of calling them slackers, they would have accomplished more in the direction of recruiting. It appears to me that the first duty of the Government in times of peace—and very much more so in times of war—is to endeavour, first, to create good feeling and harmony amongst all classes. Has the Government of this country endeavoured to do that? Last year a simple resolution was proposed by an hon. gentleman on this side of the House, not to coerce Ontario, not to dictate to the people what they should do, but to ask them, in all fairness and kindness, under all the circumstances, if they would not be willing to enter into a conference and have a heart to heart talk on this question, and see if they could not come together and agree? Did the Government vote for that? What would you have expected of a Government that was trying, heart and soul, to create peace and harmony among the different elements of the Dominion, especially during war time, when

we have one common enemy to fight? Would it not have been wisdom on the part of the Government, if they were bent on doing justice to everybody, to have said: Well, we will invite Ontario in; we have no right to dictate to them, but we have the privilege to ask them to consider the question. They might have done that, but they didn't do it. And why did they not do it? There was nothing in the resolution; it was simply asking them if they would condescend to do so and so, and they said: No. The leader of the Government, with everybody behind him following his lead—

Mr. SUTHERLAND: Why does the hon. gentleman single out Ontario and say nothing with reference to Manitoba, where more drastic legislation was passed in reference to the schools?

Mr. McCREA: The other provinces are not refusing the French Canadian minority the right to teach their language in the schools. Ontario is the only province which refuses.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: Oh no.

Mr. McCREA: Ontario refuses to have the minority taught in their own language in the public schools, and that is the reason I am talking about Ontario. Another reason is that Ontario seems to be the only province that is specially interested in Quebec. You have only to take up the Ontario papers, the Sentinel for instance, to see what they have to say. I understand the Sentinel is a paper edited in the interests of the Orangemen of Ontario. That is the paper's business. I have no objection to that, and I have all respect for any particular branch or order of people that wishes to have a paper of its own, but I think any paper of the pretensions of the Orange Sentinel would do very much better to devote its attention to talking about the order's greatness, its members' ability and their qualities, if they have any, than to spend it talking about another race and creed, as the Sentinel is generally doing.

Mr. Speaker, we have had in this House, since the House met in January, continual complaints, and continual pleadings with this Government, to do something to arrange or control the cost of living, but the Government have turned a deaf ear until lately, when they could stand it no longer, they appointed a controller. I hope he will do good work. I think that matter should have been taken in hand a long time ago. Although times are prosperous and money is plentiful, and although with a great many men, times are better than