

that men are not needed now. I fear the struggle will be very much harder than we are anticipating.

Hon. Mr. COPP: Why try to give the public the impression that we are going to lose this war, as the honourable gentleman is trying to do to-day?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: What is my honourable friend referring to?

Hon. Mr. COPP: To the statement my honourable friend has just made.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I have only stated what the head of the British Government stated in the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. COPP: I say to my honourable friend, instead of having doubts about the future, have confidence in what we are doing. We are doing the best we can to assist the Mother Country and also to protect and defend ourselves if the war comes here.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I am afraid my honourable friend is getting a little excited.

Hon. Mr. COPP: I am not getting excited.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I ask my honourable friend and every other member of this House whether it is not legitimate to inquire as to the number of men who may be needed in this life-and-death struggle which is going on at the present time. Because I do so, my honourable friend suggests I am intimating to the public of Canada that we are defeated, or about to be defeated.

Hon. Mr. COPP: The honourable gentleman has said he is afraid of it.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I have never said I am afraid of it at all.

Hon. Mr. COPP: And he has also been intimating to the public that those in charge of the affairs of this country are not carrying on as best they can to make proper preparations.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I did not say that.

Hon. Mr. COPP: That is the very thing the honourable gentleman has been talking about.

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: It is a mild inference.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I did not. I was replying to a statement made by the honourable member from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock) and by the honourable leader of the House as well.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: May I ask the honourable gentleman, does he think the Germans can land two or three million men in a blitzkrieg invasion of England?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I do not know.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Do you think so for a moment?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I should think not. But we know what they have done elsewhere, and done in a comparatively short time.

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: By land.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Whether or not they can do so in this situation I do not know, and nobody else knows. I wish to make reference to only one part of what the honourable member from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock) said, and that is about the necessity of preparation of men for the conflict ahead. In my view, no matter what statements are made by anybody, nobody knows what men will be required if we are eventually to win out. Nobody at the present time can possibly know what form this struggle will take. If we are to exert our full effort in the struggle which is bound to come, then Canada must have the preliminary work done in order to supply what men we think should be supplied.

Hon. Mr. COPP: That is just what is being done and has been done right along.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Has my honourable friend any doubt as to the Minister of National Defence and his department doing the very thing which he suggests?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I simply took the statements that the First Division has been in England for some months and that the Second Division has landed.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: No.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Both papers this afternoon, the Evening Journal and the Evening Citizen, say yes.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: And a Third and a Fourth Division are in sight.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: On paper.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: On paper. Yes, I presume that is what it means. At the same time the intimation was given that the British Government did not require any more men. That is what I was answering.

Hon. Mr. DUFFUS: At the present moment.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Just at this minute. But what may be required two weeks or three weeks from now?