

Had we not had such a party in the recent Parliament, when the critical situation arose in November and December last, this country would have experienced a condition of chaos, the agonies of which would be felt today, and from which it would be suffering for many years. Far be it from me to seek to control any man's conscience. I have never sought to do anything of the kind. I, therefore, question in no way the integrity of purpose, <sup>or</sup> the judgment and the loyalty of any member of the House of Commons in the position he took, and the vote he cast in the critical divisions which took place at that time. All that I ask is that there should be equal understanding toward myself and others in the situation which we were called upon to meet. I want, however, to repeat here something I have said elsewhere and which I shall always believe to be true. It is that no greater service was ever rendered national unity in our country than was rendered by my French speaking colleagues in the Cabinet, as we faced the grave issue which threatened to divide the whole of Canada, and to weaken Canada's war effort, at the very time our men in Europe were facing the greatest dangers.