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Record of the Union Government

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The record of the Union Government, a Government of solid work and progress, a Government that did nothing in the way of propaganda and that consequently was much misunderstood, is one of hard, grinding toil, ceaselessly and unselfishly performed without regard to consequences, political or otherwise. The members of the Union Government who largely comprise the present Government, *played the national game and it only*. In obedience to the mandate of the people given in 1917 they forgot politics entirely, and through so doing were able to perform in a short space of time more genuine national service, and to accomplish more important and far-reaching reforms than have been witnessed in Canada in twenty-five years.

There is an old and trite saying that the ways of reformers are hard, and it is especially true in the case of the Union Government. In the circumstances criticism was to be expected. In the national interest many unpleasant duties had to be performed, and it would be unreasonable to expect that those whose toes were trod upon would not raise a "holler." Conscription, which nobody liked, had to be resorted to; the law had to be enforced against shirkers and slackers; more and more taxes had to be imposed; restrictions had to be imposed