

people sitting around whom the patient did not like, and when you see such men as Mr. Calder, Mr. Sifton—

Mr. SPEAKER: Order.

Mr. McKENZIE: —Mr. Crerar and other men sitting around, the sick man would say: "What do these Hebrews here anyhow; what brings them into this place?" And the situation is that they are turned out. You will pardon me, Mr. Speaker, mentioning these hon. gentlemen by name, because I have no reference to them as members; I was referring to them in an imaginative way as men being turned out of a sick room, and I ask your pardon if I have transgressed the rules of the House. That is the condition in which we find the Government; but the leader of the Government is becoming so easily satisfied now that he says: They are perfectly all right, and they could always get along in that way; it was only following an old custom that there should be a full Cabinet and that every department should be manned. The right hon. gentleman has discovered that they can get along without them and that it is a saving of money and time and many other things that we should get along in this country without the whole Government. He pointed out yesterday that it does not matter so much about the body if we have plenty of heads. Would it not be well to ask some of the friends of the Government what they think of the present Administration? It would not do for myself to give any opinion of my own, because I am honest enough to say to you, Sir, that my opinion might be, to some extent, prejudiced. But the Administration has a few friends in the country; they have people who always thought well of them and we want to know what they say about the present Government of Canada. The leader of the Government would be quite willing to put the editor of the Montreal Gazette on the stand and ask him questions about the administration of affairs and the kind Government that we have in this country. He would say that it is quite fair to call as a witness the editor of that paper, because it is an old responsible newspaper in Canada; it is a paper that is familiar with the affairs of this country, and that has always been more than fair to the Tory party. He would admit that it is quite proper to call that editor and ask him a few questions in respect of this Government.

Let us put the Gazette on the witness stand, but before doing so, I want to read to this

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witness something that appeared in the editorial columns of his paper not long ago. The Gazette said that the Union Party was not united, that it had outlived its usefulness, and that having accomplished its purpose it was reverting electorally into its original elements. Here are the exact words:

The art of government is most difficult under the best auspices, but a leaderless ministry, destitute of policy, must be the despair of its friends. The public memory is short and public gratitude an unknown quantity. The electorate requires a guide, a policy, an association with those who invite its confidence; and the Government offers neither guidance, nor principles, nor familiarity with the people. The situation is not suddenly precipitated. It began with the conclusion of the war, since when futile efforts at permanent coalition have more than once been made, and minister after minister has dropped out until the situation has become difficult for the Government and despondent for its supporters.

That is the statement made by that tried and true friend of the Government. Now let me ask the witness some questions.

What about the leader of the Tory party in the House of Commons? The reply is "It has no leader; it is leaderless."

What about the policy of the Tory Party? "It has no policy."

What about the opinion in which it is held by its friends? "It is the despair of its friends."

How is it as a guide for public business and public policy in this country? "It offers no guidance."

What about the principles of the Government? "It has no principles."

How does it stand with the people? "It has no familiarity with the people at all; the people never knew it."

What about the present general standing of the Government? "The Government is in a difficult position and its supporters are despondent."

That concludes the direct examination of this witness, and I would invite my right hon. friend at some future time to put this witness, his friend, under cross-examination and see if he has anything to take back of what he said in such plain words.

I am going to call one more witness, and it is no less a personage than the Hon. Robert Rogers, who at one time adorned the benches of this House and stood high in the counsels of the Tory Party, and stands high to-day, I have no doubt, in the counsels of that party under certain of its colours and flags and phases. Before calling this witness let me read what he said the other day when he was talking about this Government openly and plainly in the