

views. It is what is held in common, what accords with the common sense of the people at large, that alone should be aimed at and is worth working for.

Representation of  
all provinces in  
Cabinet.

May I cite as a practical expression of this ideal, the representation in the Cabinet of Canada today, for the first time since Confederation, of every province in the Dominion.

When the result of the elections were made known it was found that while as Liberals we had carried every seat in the Province of Quebec and every seat in the Province of Nova Scotia, every seat in the Province of Prince Edward Island, most seats in the Province of New Brunswick, and several seats in Ontario - to which there has been an important addition since - From the head of the Great Lakes to the Pacific Ocean we had carried only five seats in all. ~~Three~~ in British Columbia, one in Saskatchewan and one in Manitoba, with an addition an independent Liberal. Need I ask how national unity could have been preserved had representation been accorded in the Cabinet on the basis of the Liberal following in the House of Commons? I saw at once that national unity demanded representation of all parts of Canada in the Cabinet and I made it a supreme aim to effect that end with the result I have mentioned, a result which I believe has helped effectively in the cause of national unity.

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