

it is he who is guilty of recrimination. I am criticizing. Am I to be held up as unworthy of my place if I offer criticism?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: There is the question of the spirit behind it.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Is it laudable conduct on my part merely to sit in silent admiration, or to stand up and wave my hands in glorification of a Government that already glorifies itself?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: That is the complaint of my right honourable friend.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: So far as the management of the last war is concerned, I am going to say something that I have not said before: I ask the leader of the House and the leader of the Government and all those who keep harking back to the past, just keep in your minds that the last war was won.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes, but under other conditions.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Do not forget that, please. I do not intend to make comparisons. I could do so. We should never get anywhere by reviewing the conduct of the last war. Just keep in mind the ultimate result.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: After the United States came in.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I shall not say anything further on regulations. We have had a promise from the Minister again to-day, and I stop there for the time being. But the gist of the reply of the honourable leader of the House to my friend on the left (Hon. Mr. Ballantyne) is that Britain does not want men. Of course we all know, as the honourable senator from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock) has said, this is quite a different war from the last, and men without equipment are not of great value. But let it not be stated in bald terms, "Britain does not want men." I ask the leader of the House and honourable members generally to keep in mind in days more crucial, which, I fear, are not very far ahead, the words we heard this afternoon: "Britain does not want men."

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I was repeating the words of Hon. Mr. Ralston, Minister of National Defence.

Hon. J. A. CALDER: Honourable members, after the honourable member from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock) had spoken I had intended to say a word as to the necessity of having men ready. I do not care what representations were made by the Minister of National Defence himself or by the British

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN.

Government so far as the necessity for men is concerned. Is there anywhere in the world to-day anyone who can say with any authority whatever what man-power may be required? Nobody can. Let me for a moment draw a possible picture. Suppose that in a blitzkrieg the Germans get a safe landing-place in Great Britain. How many millions of men could they pour into that country in a comparatively short time, as they have done elsewhere, most effectively, in days or at most in weeks? Great Britain at the present time has a strong, capable defence force of one and a half million men. We all hope it will succeed in frustrating any attempt at invasion; but again I ask, Who at this time can say what the result of a blitzkrieg would be? What was Winston Churchill's picture of it? He said: "We will fight on our sands, we will fight on our shores, we will fight in our streets, we will fight on our hills, we will fight in our valleys, until every man is dead; and from England we will go to the shores of our colonies and continue the fight there."

Hon. Mr. COPP: If necessary.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Yes, if necessary. And will my honourable friend say it will not be necessary?

Hon. Mr. COPP: No, nor will I say at this time that it will be necessary.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Exactly. The only point I wish to make is this, that Canada should exert every effort to prepare as many men as she can for any struggle there may be in the future—

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: —and not simply rest content with the getting together and equipping of two divisions.

Hon. Mr. COPP: What evidence has my honourable friend that the Government is not making that very preparation?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Look around.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Where is the evidence? We have just had a statement that the First and Second Divisions are overseas and that the British Government wants no more men.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: And yet we are recruiting and preparing to train three hundred thousand more men.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Giving them a month's training, starting in March.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: My only point is this: we must not get into our heads the idea that in this struggle which the British Commonwealth faces men will not be needed, or