

make plain at the moment, Mr. Speaker, is this: If we are to have a happy, a united and prosperous Canada, we must seek at all times to give, so far as it may be possible, representation to kindred bodies of opinion in the work of the administration of our country. I am sorry that we have not in the Government at the present moment representation from that large Western group. I say it in perfect frankness, and I say it simply because I feel that the more united those of us are who are opposed to Toryism, the more likely we are to secure the enactment of Liberal policies. But what we have been unable to do as a Government, I hope we shall be able successfully to do in this Parliament. In other words, I hope that it will be possible for this administration to make it plain to hon. members that the Cabinet regards itself not as some group of supermen imposing their will upon the House of Commons, but as a committee of the House of Commons, responsible to the House of Commons, anxious to get the freest and fullest discussion of all public questions, and willing to carry out the will and the wish of the House of Commons to the best of their ability.

May I say, and with this I wish to conclude, that I agree with the hon. mover of the Address (Mr. McMurray) that the people of this country are greatly indebted to the sister province of Quebec for having through one of its constituencies afforded a place in this Parliament and in the Government, to a gentleman who for many years held the position of Prime Minister of the province of Alberta. I think my friends from Alberta sitting opposite to me will agree that he enjoyed the confidence of the people of that province as few men have ever enjoyed it, also that, notwithstanding circumstances which limited followers of the Government so far as Western Canada is concerned to the numbers they are, that in the choice as Minister of Agriculture of this Dominion, of my hon. friend from Regina (Mr. Motherwell), who for thirteen years was Minister of Agriculture in the province of Saskatchewan, and in the choice of the hon. Minister of the Interior (Mr. Stewart), who, as I have just mentioned, was for many years the Premier of the sister province of Alberta, western opinion is represented at the council board and there is reason to feel that full consideration will be given at all times to the needs and to the rightful aspirations of the Western provinces.

We have a great country, but we can only keep it great as we have all parts united and contented. That, Mr. Speaker, above all else will be the aim of the present Administration, to see that every shade of opinion, other than that to which we are diametrically opposed, every shade of Liberal and Progressive thought is duly considered in the shaping of the policies of the Government and in the carrying out of those policies. In that way I believe, now that we have a new Parliament and a new Government, we may look forward to a new era of prosperity, contentment and happiness and, above all, of unity in our Dominion.

On the motion of Mr. Crerar the debate was adjourned.

On the motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the House adjourned at 9.58 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14, 1922.

The House met at Three o'clock.

#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE— WEDNESDAY SITTINGS

Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I beg to move, seconded by Mr. Fielding:

That on Wednesday the fifteenth day of March instant and subsequent Wednesdays to the end of the session, the House will meet at three o'clock in the afternoon.

I may say in regard to this motion, Mr. Speaker, that during the sessions of the previous Parliament the House assembled at two o'clock on Wednesdays instead of three. Experience, however, went to show that meeting an hour earlier on one day of the week resulted in a good deal of confusion, inconvenience and embarrassment, and I think it will probably better serve the convenience of all members if we assemble at the same hour on Wednesday as on other days of the week.

Mr. MEIGHEN: This is a variation of a long standing rule of the House, but by way of trial I offer no objection to it at the present time.

Motion agreed to.

#### GRAIN INQUIRY COMMISSION

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. T. A. CRERAR (Marquette): Before the Orders of the Day are called I should like to ask my hon. friend the