

tions and burdens imposed, high handed proceedings countenanced, the press muzzled and a reign of mental terrorism inaugurated, to the detriment of freedom of utterance but the most shameless attacks have been made under the form of supposed free parliamentary government on the political rights and liberties of the people.

The extension of the parliamentary term beyond the constitutional period was a clear violation of the Constitution, and a further extension was only prevented by the opposition which the proposal encountered. Had those in power, had those who are contemplating further assaults on Canadian autonomy, had in fact all the reactionaries in Canada had their way the people of the Dominion would not, even now, have the opportunity of registering their verdict at the polls as they are entitled under the Constitution to do at the expiration of every five years. Nor is this all.

The Military Service Act passed by a moribund Parliament, which had exceeded its constitutional term and which had utterly lost the confidence of the electorate, by substituting compulsory for voluntary service, not only was contrary to the traditional policy of Canada, but was op-