

UNION GOVERNMENT

The Union or National Government now appealing to the Country for a mandate is a new condition or order of things in our politics brought about by the extraordinary necessities of the times. It is composed of leaders on both sides of politics, men of undoubted ability, who, "impressed by the urgent necessity of putting aside all minor considerations of sinking all party differences and of presenting an united front in this solemn and momentous juncture in the Nation's history, have joined together in the duty of service in the national interest."

PARTYISM FAILED

The truth is that partyism failed to measure up to the stupendous tasks and problems confronting the nation, and a remedy had to be found to enable the country to bring its full strength to bear in the present awful struggle for the maintenance of civilization, and incidentally, but directly, the freedom and liberties of Canada.

The abandonment of party politics, with its attendant evils of rancor, unfairness, favoritism and patronage, is the only sane course to pursue in this time of dire peril. To keep quarrelling politically among ourselves, while the power of the detestable Hun remains unbroken and the cause of civilization is still in the balance is nothing short of criminal folly.

UNIFIED EFFORT NECESSARY

There never was a time in our history when there was greater necessity for unified effort, and for the application of the best unprejudiced and untrammelled minds in the administration of our affairs. Tremendous problems confront us. First and all important is that of exerting every ounce of our power in men, munitions, provisions and wealth to help in winning the war. To put forth the maximum of our strength in these ways is our **plain manifest duty**, as decent, right thinking and humane people, and we should glory in it because of the justice and righteousness of the cause. If we were to neglect to perform that duty to the full, we would be unfit to call ourselves Canadians and brothers of the legions of gallant sons of Canada who have fought and died for us in Flanders; we would place a stigma upon our race which generations would not wipe out and leave to our children ignoble