

minded? I attribute all this racial animosity and hatred to ignorance, want of breadth of view, want of having travelled and rubbed elbows with other civilized beings than those along the concession roads or in the lodges. It will take time to stamp out that ignorance. On the contrary, where in the province of Quebec do you find any society, whether Orange lodge, or Knights of Columbus, or St. Jean Baptiste Society, or St. Vincent de Paul Society, or any other, taking up the time of its meetings in denouncing the religion of the people of Ontario or denouncing the way you conduct affairs in Ontario? The French Canadians do not spend their time in such foolish business. I know the province of Quebec from Pontiac to Gaspé, from the United States border to the height of land. I have been all through the province hundreds of times and know whereof I speak, and I deliberately make these statements to the people of Ontario, especially to those patriotic editors who were purchased, as many of them were purchased, in the last campaign. There was not a single English Liberal organ in the province of Ontario, except one, the London Advertiser: they had all been bought off. I suppose they will give me the tallywhack for making this statement, but there is no doubt about it. They did not all turn over for love. How could they love a party whom they had been denouncing up to the very last moment of the prorogation of Parliament last year? Ministers in the Government to-day were, in the dying hours of the last Parliament, denouncing measures which they are now helping Sir Robert Borden to put through and administer. I heard them with my own ears. Five minutes before the Governor General came to this Chamber, the present Acting Minister of Finance was hurling thunder at the Government ranks with regard to their Military Voters Act, and to-day he is helping to administer that Act. The thing is simply absurd.

Passing to a personal matter, to which allusion has already been made, I wish to change the course of the compliments and felicitations. I want to congratulate this Senate as a body on the acquisition of two responsible ministers. The honourable leader of the Government (Hon. Sir James Loughheed) can well remember that for six years I have strongly urged the Government of the day to recognize the importance and dignity of this House. I know that my honourable friend the leader of the Government, now a responsible minister, was too bashful, too modest, to transmit my views to the Prime Minister, and he consequently

held the question in abeyance, and it so remained until the necessities of the situation demanded that he should appear in the front rank. I am glad he appears in the front rank, with his colleague (Hon. Mr. Robertson), who represents one of the largest elements in this country, the labour element. I congratulate the House upon these two acquisitions, and I feel certain that the honourable gentlemen will perform their duties in the best interests of this House and the best interests of the country.

If it would not shake the modesty of the honourable leader of the Government, I would express the wish that all the ministers of the present Union Government were as devoted to the public service and as honest as he is. I use the word honest advisedly. The results of the last elections show how dishonest some of them were. But I am not going to discuss that phase of the question, and I am not now attacking any special brand of politicians in the Government. The Liberal Unionists were just as bad as, if not worse than, some of the Conservative Unionists in the enactment and administration of the Military Franchise Acts. They were particeps criminis of the worst kind against the constitution of this country—against democratic institutions. The ministers from the West cannot compliment themselves in regard to the result of the last election. Those provinces not long ago turned out Conservative governments for rascality in administration, for wastefulness in expenditure. The Conservative governments in Manitoba and in British Columbia were turned out. The Liberal governments in Saskatchewan and Alberta were maintained because there was no bad record against them. It does not stand to reason that a fair administration of the Franchise Acts would not have resulted in more than one or two or three members from each of those provinces to represent the Liberal sentiment in that part of the country. I am not going to enter into the details; they are too sickening for a man who loves the honour and the good name of his country to repeat. In the other House they were told plainly and frankly, not wholly, but in part, by the leader of the Liberal party to the Prime Minister and his Unionist followers. Oh, the shame of it all! The Government to-day is living on the wages of sin, of crime against the constitution, against political freedom and electoral rights—there is not the slightest doubt of it. I hate to talk of it, I hate to have to admit it, for the sake of Canada. The thing has been done, the crime has been committed, and we must suffer the consequences. That