

that at the last Session of Parliament, the dissaffection was so great that the Administration was left in a minority.

Now what I more particularly desire to call the attention of the House to is this—that throughout all these proceedings my honorable and learned friend beside me (Mr. Morin) has received a cordial support from a parliamentary majority from Lower Canada (hear, hear,) not composed of men of any particular origin; for I am sure my honorable friend knows as well as I do, that some of our firmest and most unwavering supporters from Lower Canada have been of English origin, and we feel towards them the same affection and gratitude that we do for all our other supporters. (Hear, hear.) My honorable friend has throughout received a cordial support from his friends, and I may be permitted to say, now when we have gone out of office, and are little likely again to return to power, that no man in this House better deserves such support than my honorable friend (hear, hear). Of him and his colleagues from Lower Canada I can hardly trust myself to speak lest my feelings should overpower me in attempting to express my esteem for them. They have throughout received that cordial and unwavering support without which, I maintain, it is utterly impossible for any Government to carry on the business of this or any other country. When Parliament met some months ago, it was evident that there was a very strong opposition to the administration from Upper Canada. That opposition proceeded from various causes and from different sections. A majority of the House having concurred in a vote which we considered as equivalent to a vote of want of confidence, we believed it to be our duty, in the interest of the party with which we were connected, and to secure the carrying out of the great measures before the country, to advise His Excellency the Governor General to dissolve the existing Parliament with a view to an appeal to the people.

Mr. Speaker, I shall never regret that course. It was taken with a great deal of deliberation. The policy which