

I read, but a day or two ago, and which is much to the point. I do not recall the precise words in which the story was told, but the logic of its argument impressed me profoundly. A private in a colored regiment was pleading with his sergeant that he should be allowed to retire from the army on the score that he had enlisted only for the duration of the war: "Boss, de war am ovah", he protested, "I'se goin' home! I enlisted only for de duration". "Yo'po' niggah", replied the sergeant, "Yo' enlisted for de duration of de war. De war may be ovah, but de duration am just beginning". Please, Mr. Minister, do remember that "de duration am just beginning".

The Need for Organization

Too much, I feel, is being said today about possible retirements, too much also about who is to lead the Party at the next general elections. Sufficient unto the day is the successful winning of by-elections. Let us be perfectly frank about it: we would all be much happier tonight if the party hadn't lost Pontiac, in this Province, and Portage la Prairie in Manitoba. We should have carried both; we would have carried both had the party's organization been what it should have been. Parkdale (Toronto) we never had. Nevertheless it was almost won. The figures make it clear that it would have been won had the organization in all parts of the constituency been what it was over the greater part.

Tonight, of all nights, I am not going to seek to apportion blame. I am, however, going to issue a clarion call to each and every member of the party, whether he be prominent, as a member of parliament, or a very humble worker in the ranks, to realize that in his hands lies, to a greater or lesser extent, the fate of the party. I wish I could impress on every member