

mentioned in the Speech from the Throne. He said that we should have included mention of the census, that we should also have included some mention of the return to responsible government. Why, my right hon. friend has only to look across to this side of the House to see that responsible government has come back again in this country. Why should we make mention in the Speech from the Throne of anything so obvious? The election was fought on that issue. My right hon. friend has not yet wakened up to the significance of his own defeat. We on this side of the House who during the last Parliament were on the other side contended that when my right hon. friend held the position of Prime Minister he held it, not as the elected representative of the people, but as one who had usurped the rights of the people. We carried our appeal from this Parliament to the country, and the country supported us in that appeal.

I was somewhat surprised that my right hon. friend should have made the reference he did to the province of Quebec. As far as I could judge his remarks, their purpose was, if possible, to stir up anew racial strife and differences in this country. That is a very bad beginning for my right hon. friend in the position which he now holds. May I bring this significant fact to the attention of my right hon. friend? If the verdict of the province of Quebec was solidly against him and those who surrounded him in the last election, so was the verdict of six out of the nine provinces of this Dominion. My right hon. friend tries to attribute his defeat in one province to special reasons. Let me tell him that there was but one main issue in the recent campaign, and it was equally the issue in all the provinces of this Dominion. The people wanted in power a government that would represent the people, and they wanted out of office a government that had usurped the rights of the people. It is perfectly true that in the province of Quebec the following of my right hon. friend was completely obliterated. Every seat in that province was lost to him and carried to this side of the House. But what was true of the province of Quebec was equally true of the province of Nova Scotia. There my hon. friend lost every supporter that he had, and today every member from the province of Nova Scotia is sitting on this side of the House.

Mr. DUFF: He deserved to lose them.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: What was true of the province of Quebec and of the province of Nova Scotia was equally true of the island province, Prince Edward Island. Every single member from the province of Prince Edward Island occupies a seat on this side of the House.

Now I come to the western part of this country. Take the province of Alberta, the province of Saskatchewan, and the province of Manitoba; my right hon. friend has not sitting behind him to-day a single member from any one of those provinces. How can he endeavour to stir up strife in this country along racial lines?

Mr. MEIGHEN: How many supporters has the hon. member behind him from those provinces?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Let me say one word further: I have spoken of six provinces out of nine in which my right hon. friend has not a single follower in the present Parliament. Take the remaining three provinces. My right hon. friend, I believe, has behind him at the present time some fifty representatives from the three remaining provinces. Mr. Speaker, if you deduct the number of constituencies that returned him followers by a minority of votes, it will be found that his following is reduced in numbers to a number equal to the number of Cabinet Ministers with whom he went to the country.

Was there ever such a humiliating defeat! Twenty-two followers is all that my right hon. friend has back of him of hon. members who have been returned to the present Parliament by a majority of the votes of their constituencies. Under these circumstances is it not surprising that my right hon. friend finds it difficult to discover what the true significance and meaning of the verdict of the people of this country is?

My right hon. friend made reference to some of the literature issued in the late campaign. He seemed to have a particular fondness for producing documents which carried portraits of one kind or another. I would say to my right hon. friend that he should not take too seriously much of the campaign literature that was issued on any side. I think I need only remind him of one poster that had something to say about a very distinguished public man. This poster asserted that the statesman in question was much needed by Canada; but the country did not think so. My right hon. friend ought to be the last to take too seriously to heart the literature or