

the bitter fires of prejudice with racial statements that were not worthy of a chivalrous people. The Province of Ontario did not hesitate to express its distrust in its neighbouring French Province, or to appeal to racial and sectarian prejudice. The three Prairie Provinces declared for themselves, that they would only send men to Parliament who made it the first article in their creed to look after the West. So much feeling has been created that we have been temporarily at least lost the vision of our fathers. There has been no commanding view for a united country. We have emphasized our differences. We have been impatient with discomforts which inevitably followed the cataclysm of the Great War. We Conservatives talked blue ruin, which could only be remedied by higher and still higher tariffs. The broad, generous, big spirit, which should always characterize the Conservative party, gave way to fault-finding, scolding and irritable non-constructive criticism. Montreal produced the "Whisper of Death", and declared the country would be bankrupted by the National Railways. The West declared they were being bled by tariffs. The central Provinces that their industries were being ruined because they were denied further protection; the Maritime Provinces, that they had the worst of Confederation, and wanted to know what the rest of us were going to do about it. In all the groups there was an absence of size and measure. Each leader sought to discredit the other. There was a condition of squabble unworthy of either the private or public conduct of affairs. A period of deflation of values made men angry. It cost the banks millions. It resulted in an immense acreage of mortgaged property in the West coming into the hands of the mortgagee under foreclosure proceedings. We were in angry protest against