

participate in the formation of the Union government. Holding this view, I approve of the action of Mr. Maclean in entering the Cabinet.

"It is no easy or pleasant duty that he is undertaking. It is a service of much labor and anxiety, in which he is likely to meet many difficulties. I know that he takes up the burden with a patriotic purpose. I feel that he should receive the sympathy and support of Liberals in the trying situation

"The vigorous prosecution of Canada's part in the war is the avowed object for which the Union government has been formed. It is to be presumed that the government will not bring forward any measures beyond what are reasonably necessary for the prosecution of the war, or required by war conditions. To such measures all Liberals should be prepared to give a cordial support. If other measures are devised which are at variance with Liberal principles, I am satisfied that Mr. Maclean will not remain in the cabinet to support them.

"I see no reason why the Liberals of the Maritime Provinces should not be willing to support the new government in measures for the prosecution of the war, while reserving their freedom of action as respects the many questions on which Liberals and Conservatives have differed in the past and will probably have to differ in the future."

W. S. FIELDING.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN'S LETTER TO THE CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION OF QUEENS-SHELBURNE, ASKING THEM TO GIVE HON. W. S. FIELDING UNANIMOUS NOMINATION.

"Referring to the conversation which I had at Halifax with you and the other gentlemen of the committee which was appointed by the Liberal-Conservative convention of Liverpool, I now venture to repeat what at that time I urged upon the committee.

"The Union government has been formed with the sincere desire and purpose of bringing

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