

men if they are properly trained and if our nationhood is saved? There is not a soul in Canada who does not know that we had not the facilities for training, and that it would take months, if not years, to get us the facilities. But peril meant nothing; national sovereignty meant all. There sits the Government of this Dominion. Ah, when the Allied effort failed in Norway because of the deficiency in planes, the man who should have resigned was not in Great Britain, he was right here in Canada.

An Hon. SENATOR: Shame.

Hon. Mr. HUGESSEN: Rubbish.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Oh, I thought something like that would come from the honourable member. I have watched him. There never was such a sin committed against our security as the sin committed there. No one knows the air strength we might have achieved had we met our partner in the spirit of partnership, and not in the spirit of a contention that it would oust the sovereignty of Canada.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: My right honourable friend is totally unfair in his conclusions, as I shall prove to him when I speak.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I hope you can, but I know you cannot.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: We shall see.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: We are partners, or we are not. If we cannot trust Britain in matters of our common defence we might as well dissolve this Empire.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: My right honourable friend speaks of 1938?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes. I know I am mentioning only two years yet. I am by no means certain it is only two years we have lost.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: We have not lost three months.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: We are told now we are going to have 169 pilots by November, and we have not lost three months.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Well, if that is the best we can do, it is better to depend on others.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: We shall discuss the negotiations of 1938.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I know what they have done over there in Britain. I know our limitations and I am very doubtful that we are going to get even what is foreshadowed by the Government to-day. Britain knew she

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had to get an organization in Canada to prepare for our common defence. If we cannot trust her, then the Empire had better be dissolved; and I would rather see it dissolved by ourselves than by somebody else. I feel strongly on this subject. There is not a doubt in my own mind that that was not the first approach, though perhaps it was the first official approach. How do we explain that the Vancouver Sun, a leading Liberal paper on the coast, announced in July, 1937, that there had already been a refusal to a request by the British Government to establish air training facilities here? I never read the announcement until a year after. Are we to be asked to believe that that was just based on a myth? Statements of that kind are not based on myths. What ground there was for the pronouncement I do not know, but I have every reason to feel that the approach, in whatever form it was made, was made a year before 1938.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: All we have here is the High Commissioner.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I do not know; there are other ways.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: That is hypothesis.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I know we have a Government who deny having a request unless it is put in writing—maybe under seal—and who say that an inquiry, whether printed or not, is not a request; and when we ask if there was anything more they tell us it is none of our business. I know that, and I should like my honourable friend to take that sentence and dispute it. Again I ask, is this to be the Government upon which this country is to rely for conduct of this crisis?

Now, I say this. Until this Government is reorganized—

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Until?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Until it is reorganized or changed, until it is placed on a basis best adapted to gain the following of every war element in this country, it cannot have the confidence of Canada. Until it is reorganized or changed—and I do not want it changed on a party basis, no matter what the party—it is not going to command that confidence. I ask the Government to move to bring about unity in Canada. You do not bring it about by trying to destroy your political foes while the nation's foes flourish. This Government can do something to bring it about. There is nobody in the Dominion more averse to office than I am; everyone knows that; but there is nothing, however subordinate, I would not do under any Govern-