

the war lasted or how much blood was shed so long as they filled their coffers at the cost of the poorer classes, who will have to pay a tax for years to come.

The member for Frontenac also said that the personalities of Macdonald and Laurier suppressed individuality, and that from now on the men who sit in this House will express their individual opinions. The hon. gentleman said that that would be a good thing for the Dominion. Mr. Speaker, such may have been the case in the Tory ranks, but with us it is quite different. The proof is that those who left the ranks of Liberalism to join the Unionists were left free by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to act as their conscience dictated, and they have done as they pleased.

Nearly all my hon. friends on the other side of the House spoke about the dim light in the window. The member for Frontenac claims that so far as the Liberal party is concerned, this light is flickering away. Mr. Speaker, if our light is flickering away, may I ask what has become of the Tory light which has disappeared entirely, never to show up again? No doubt it died out or was submerged in the three elements that the member for Dorchester spoke of last Thursday evening. But our light will come up brighter than ever, because true patriotism and the real interest of our country can be found only in Liberalism.

Mr. THOMAS FOSTER (East York): Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate the hon. member for East Calgary (Mr. Redman) who moved the Address in reply to the speech from the Throne. I wish to congratulate the hon. member for Fort William and Rainy River (Mr. Manion) who seconded the Address. I am sure we appreciate the efforts of those young men, who, responding so nobly to the call of the Empire, went forward to the front and did their part and returned to this country with great honour. The people of this country showed their appreciation of the splendid work of those young men by electing them to this House of Commons, thus giving them an opportunity of showing that they were equal to the occasion as representatives of the people of this Dominion in this House, as young Canadians who would assist in making the laws and in inaugurating great reforms in this country. Therefore, when the people of this country show their appreciation in that way, we must acknowledge that they deserve the showing of that appreciation.

We should feel that a compliment was paid to Canada by the calling of Sir Robert

Borden to England for the purpose of assisting in the settlement of the terms of peace at the conclusion of the greatest war in the history of the world. We are proud to have such an eminent statesman assisting in that settlement.

I wish to congratulate the Acting Prime Minister (Sir Thomas White) on his splendid leadership of this House during the absence of the Prime Minister (Sir Robert Borden). We know that the Acting Prime Minister has exceptional ability. He has shown that he possesses it, and we feel that it is the duty of hon. members to render whatever assistance they can to him in order to encourage him in the success which he has made of that leadership.

There are many matters of great importance to be brought before the House during this session. We know that last year the Government had a great deal of responsibility. We know that their physical powers were put to the test by the many duties they had to perform. We know that many Orders in Council were passed and that many commissions were appointed to carry on the great work of this country. We also know that when the members were called to this House at the last session, they felt that there was very little for them to do; that at this period under war conditions it was perhaps necessary that many Orders in Council should be passed and that many commissions should be appointed. Some hon. members, however, thought that as Parliament was in session, some of the responsibility should be placed upon the representatives of the people and some of the work performed by them, and that fewer Orders in Council should be passed and fewer commissions appointed. Now that the war is over, and now that the members—

M. DEMERS: Mr. Speaker, I draw your attention to the fact that we have not a quorum.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon. member has drawn my attention to the fact that there is not a quorum present.

And a count having been taken, it was found that a quorum was not in the Chamber.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is not a quorum present. This House stands adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock.

Accordingly, the House adjourned at 10.10 p.m.