

Government who have profited by this sacrilege to talk of their "loyalty and patriotism" is to insult in the foulest manner all that true loyalty and true patriotism hold dear. (Hear, hear.)

EVEN THE WOUNDED PERSECUTED.

One cannot but believe that the numerical advantages to the Government from the wholesale frauds, duplicate voting, repeating, ballot stuffing, furnishing soldiers in London with names upon which to vote at every London polling booth, forgery, perjury, and compelling English charwomen and servants in the hospitals to vote, aggregating tens of thousands of illegal votes, that the soldiers in the hospitals would have been allowed to vote freely. But they were not. In the Canadian hospitals, notably Buxton, Guildford, Hants, Bushey Park and Orpington, the wounded were threatened with early return to the trenches, with loss or unfair reduction of pensions, unless they voted for the Government. In respect to the latter I have the voluntary signed evidence of returned soldiers. Men who were recommended for six months' hospital treatment were discharged from hospital with a small percentage of disability, such as entitled an almost disabled man to a pension of eight dollars a week. And this treatment was received solely because they refused to vote for the Union Government. If it is possible to conceive of any greater cruelty than this, short of another term in the trenches for wounded men, I would like to know where to find it. The only record in history approaching such criminal brutality are to be found in the Spanish religious persecutions in the sixteenth century, or in the treatment of British prisoners by the Huns. (Hear, hear.) Everyone, however remotely connected with this damnable work, must be punished to the extreme limit permitted by the civilization of the nineteenth century. (Applause.) We will properly characterize as craven cowards if in the safety and confidence of our own liberty we fail in our determination to see this through. (Applause.)

WHERE ROWELL GOT THE DOUBLE CROSS.

Documentary evidence establishes the fact that the list of constituencies where these frauds were to be perpetrated was prepared by His Excellency's responsible advisers, and that the present Minister of Railways, Hon. J. D. Reid, was recognized by the Prime Minister as being in charge of this work. A well-known Liberal-Unionist and highly respectable Toronto lawyer brought a list of Liberal-Unionists in the Province to Mr. Rowell, to whose ridings it was desirable that a portion of this proposed fraudulent vote should be allocated. Hon. Mr. Reid promised that it would be done. But when the ballot envelopes were counted it was discovered that the worthy Minister of Railways had given the followers of the President of the Privy Council the double-cross—the votes had gone to Tory-Unionist candidates only and not to Liberal-Unionists. (Laughter.) There was here not even the honor that is prevalent among thieves. (Laughter.) The number of fraudulent votes fixed by letter as necessary in certain ridings was amended by cable. There was a hasty call for double the number for the Prime Minister's seat. Speaker Rhodes implored by cable for further consideration being given to his constituency, and nearly 200 were entered as residents in Cumberland, not one of whom had ever been within 500 miles of Nova Scotia. Maj. H. M. Cherry, of Toronto, whose frauds were evident when the ballot box which he presided over was opened, has impudently boasted since his return home, that he went to Argyle House during the voting to get directions where to allocate the votes each day. In another case an officer had been sent