

to be the case, should there be any departure in principle from the old Dominion Elections Act, or, for that matter, in detail, save in such particulars as are obviously demanded by altered conditions in any of the Provinces. The Dominion Elections Act has been on the statutes for nearly a quarter of a century; it has been amended from time to time as the circumstances of the years have seemed to warrant. Under its provisions, both Liberal and Conservative administrations have been returned to power. Its repeal or change in any essential particulars, particularly by an administration and by Ministers who have had to do with the drafting and enactment of such measures as the War-Time Elections Act and the Military Voters Act, can only serve to arouse more suspicion and distrust, and to undermine still further what little confidence the people may still retain in the representative character of our political institutions.

Let me say this, that if the Government brings forward a measure which, on the face of it, evidences a desire on the part of the administration to accord justice and fair play to the entire electorate, and is calculated to restore in any measure some of the public confidence that has been lost, they will find the Opposition not only ready and willing, but eager to assist in and expedite its enactment.