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Is it not strange that the same Leader of the Opposition who condemned "national" government last July, should now be its ardent advocate? Dr. Manion may reply that Canada was then at peace and is now at war. How then does he explain his insistence in September, and again in November, on the vital place of the Opposition in wartime. What is it that so suddenly converted him, after an election had been announced, into an advocate of "national" government. There seems only one explanation. Dr. Manion must have realized that his party under his leadership did not have enough support from the people to win the election.

What kind of support does he expect to attract by changing the name of his party. He continues bitterly and recklessly to attack the present administration. He can, therefore, hardly dream of finding truly representative Liberals to enter his combination. Is he angling for the support of the other groups in Parliament? Does he hope to gather up the support of the extremists who share none of the political views of his own party?

So far Dr. Manion has received no support from anyone prominent in public life outside his own