

trained legal minds is a false assumption, which is likely to lead to some fatal and disastrous mistake.

There are however amongst those who will sit to the left of the Speaker, or on the cross-benches, a few lawyers who have escaped the wreckage of the old political parties. Let us hope for the honour of the profession, and for the good of their country, that they will, with true patriotism and self abnegation, when occasion demands it, give a helping hand to the lonely lawyer who will as Attorney-General probably have much to say in steering the Farmer Government through the difficulties which it will meet with on this its first parliamentary voyage.

We understand that Mr. W. E. Raney, of Toronto, K.C., an occasional contributor to the columns of this journal, has been selected to fill the office of Attorney-General in the new Government. He is a capable and respected member of the profession, and, though without parliamentary experience, can be trusted faithfully to fulfil the duties of his difficult position. There is the consolation of knowing that the permanent heads of the legal departments of the Government are a competent body of men who will be able to some extent to make up for the lack of the usual quota of professional men in the new Cabinet.

The serious aspect to this question cannot be overlooked. The truth is that no Government can be carried on to the advantage of the public and with due regard to the stability of our institutions and the due administration of justice without the aid of professional lawyers of experience. There has been a feeling in the minds of farmers and others, who have no knowledge of the actual work of the Government, that there have been in the past too many lawyers in our legislative halls. This is excusable upon the grounds of ignorance, but it is an entirely false idea both in theory and practice. Once and once only in the history of the Motherland has such an idea prevailed; but the Parliament from which the lawyers had been excluded has ever since been known as the "lack learning Parliament."

It is well that the public should know that every lawyer of average experience must necessarily know much about almost every branch of business which calls for legislation; and, if he has ordinary