

win the war; if we had concerned ourselves with party politics, with those things which tend, not to unite, but to divide, and had sought to undermine the efforts of others, we might indeed have cause to feel not only that we no longer merited the confidence of the people of Canada, but that we had forfeited all right to that confidence at any time in the future. Happily, on that score, we have nothing with which to reproach ourselves. Do not imagine that the people do not know and understand all these things; that they do not comprehend where their own interests lie. Do not believe that, at a time of world crisis, they would not know into what hands it was in their interest to entrust the fate of their country.

The cause of the commotion.

What then, may I ask, has occasioned all the commotion which has arisen in some political circles? The cause is not far to seek. On August the 4th, there was a provincial election in Ontario, and on August the 9th there were four federal by-elections. In the Ontario provincial contest, the government in office was defeated; in the federal by-elections, opposition candidates were returned.