

what they demand in the interest of others as well as in his own interest. This is doubly true where the business to be attended to is public business. No one has realized this more clearly than the Right Honourable the Prime Minister himself. Sir Robert Borden gave emphatic expression to this view at the time he sought to be relieved from office in December last, and when he consented to retain a nominal leadership only to avert a serious cabinet crisis. May I say with all deference to what is owing to the Right Honourable the Prime Minister by the country, in recognition of his public services, indeed, because of what is owing him, that, in view of his intimation that it was highly improbable he would return to public life - at all events for many months to come - that it was a doubtful kindness on the part of his colleagues, both to the Prime Minister and to the country, virtually to compel his continuance

of Parliament, not knowing whether it is without a head, or whether it has three heads. Now is it possible for public business to be carried on as it should be, under these conditions? Unfortunately we are with respect to the head of the ministry, we are equally unfortunate with respect

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