

that no Liberal from the province should enter the cabinet. Not only differences of former years, but differences of very recent date, seemed to make any union of the two parties very difficult. I believe, however, that when they have had opportunity of **carefully considering the situation**, the Liberals of the province will approve of Mr. Maclean's action.

"The positive announcements in the press that Hon. Mr. Murray had agreed to take a seat in the cabinet were shell-shocks to many Liberals. These announcements were, as I know, entirely unauthorized and incorrect. Mr. Murray at no time gave any assurance that he would accept the place offered him. He agreed to give consideration to a **proposal, pressed upon him by prominent members of the liberal party in Ontario and the Western Provinces** and to consult his friends in Nova Scotia concerning it.

Premier  
Murray's  
Approval

"Prominent western Liberals, however, notwithstanding their very different action at the recent Winnipeg convention, came out in favor of a Union government. Under the leadership of Liberals of recognized high standing in the prairie provinces the movement made rapid progress. A large section of the Ontario Liberals supported it. New Brunswick Liberals followed a little later. Thus **THERE WAS FORMED A MINISTRY THAT COULD VERY PROPERLY BE DESCRIBED AS A UNION GOVERNMENT**, since it included, with the premier and his Conservative colleagues, eminent members of the Liberal party from Ontario, New Brunswick, and every western province, except British Columbia. In British Columbia Liberals of equally representative character gave the movement their support. That there is in all these provinces some dissent from the action of the Liberal leaders referred to, is quite true. But there is no reason to doubt that in all these provinces—all but one of them dominated by Liberals—public opinion is favorable to the foundation of the Union government. **What then, should the Nova Scotia Liberals do? If they refuse to have any part in the government, they will isolate themselves**

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port Union  
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