

the service of the country under him. I do not think, honourable gentlemen, that I need make any further statement in that regard. The fact that these gentlemen served in harmony and with great success under Sir Robert Borden completely demolishes the argument which my honourable friend made in that regard. The Liberal leaders in the province of Nova Scotia met in the city of Halifax. They consulted to-morrowly agreed that Hon. Mr. Maclean should come and join the Union Government. He came, and he served—and he is still sitting in the ranks of the Union party in the House of Commons.

My honourable friend told us that this Government was a sham Union Government. In what respect is it a sham Union Government? The honourable gentleman did not disclose the grounds upon which he made that statement. If my observation of the Government is correct, I see every evidence of sincerity, every evidence of complete and united action. If we go into the House of Commons we see distinguished Liberals, men whose names have always been known in the Liberal ranks, sitting on the Government benches side by side with Conservatives. Together they form the great Union Government. I was about to say that it was the greatest Government Canada ever had and I do not think I should be exaggerating. I see nothing whatever of sham but much of sincerity.

My honourable friend said that the Government was brainless and headless. I do not think that he stopped to consider before making that statement. I am not going to say one word which would be derogatory to the party of honourable gentlemen on the other side of the House, nor am I going to say anything against my honourable friend himself; I recognize his ability; but while I grant that he has brains and ability, I want to make this reservation: that he does not, nor do his colleagues, possess all the brains or all the ability in this country.

My honourable friend says there has been no leadership. I would ask him if he stands so very much higher than the leader of the Government. He is willing, as some honourable gentlemen are always willing, to make sweeping assertions; but if I put the direct question to him, I am sure he would admit that Sir Robert Borden is a man of outstanding position in this country. If I were to ask my honourable friend if he thinks the Union party in this Chamber is led by a brainless leader, I wonder what he would say. I am sure that he would

rise up indignantly to protest, and to tell us that the honourable the leader of this House is, as we all know, one of the ablest men who have ever been in public life in Canada. If I were to pass on the honourable Minister of Labour, I wonder what my honourable friend would say. Would he characterize him as a brainless Minister of Labour? That is what he did in his general assertions. I am sure that again he would rise in his place and tell us that the Minister of Labour is one of the ablest men in the Cabinet to-day; one of the ablest men who has ever occupied the position. I know my honourable friend does not like the Postmaster General. He never did like the Postmaster General. He never had very much respect for him. He knows the Postmaster General is a fighter, and I feel confident that if my honourable friend from De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) has anything to say about the Postmaster General he generally keeps a good distance off when he says it. Nevertheless, I venture to say that if he were in his seat to-day, and I were to ask him if he would characterize the Postmaster General as a brainless leader, he would not undertake to make good the assertion. There is just one way to examine these general assertions, and that is to get down to details. The details make up the general assertion. If the details are not correct, of course the general assertion is not correct; if the details do not work out, the general assertion falls to the ground. If we go into the other Chamber and look down the ranks of the Government, we will find there Hon. Mr. Doherty and Hon. Mr. Ballantyne, both from the province of Quebec. I wonder if my honourable friend from De Lorimier would also characterize them as brainless leaders? I wonder if he would characterize the other distinguished gentlemen—because there are distinguished gentlemen sitting on the Government benches—as brainless leaders? In conclusion, let me say that my honourable friend in his paroxysm of political partisanship simply made statements of which I believe he would be ashamed if he were to reflect. I believe that he would be, and I believe that he will be ashamed when he reads them; and I do not think he will carry out his intention of having them published in pamphlet form, and scattered broadcast through the province of Quebec, for general consumption by the electors of that province.

There is just one other remark made by my honourable friend from De Lorimier