

which the Nationalists refuse to consider except as a temporary measure with a limited and defined duration, but also the division of Ulster, and probably the division of the six North Eastern Counties. It is quite certain that Antrim in which Belfast is situated would vote itself out, if this proposition were carried out, as would also Down, and in all probability Armagh and Londonderry. Tyrone and Fermanagh might possibly show a Nationalist majority and come under Home Rule or Nationalist authority, but the Unionist minority would only do so with bitterness and heart-burning. There would be every likelihood of trouble in either county between the defeated minority and the triumphant majority, on the outbreak of which the Unionists would have the sympathy and assistance of the four counties. Those who know anything of the intensity of feeling in North-East Ulster, or the difficulty of controlling Belfast rioters might well dread the possible consequences.

Nothing but trouble ever yet came of dividing a Province, for strange as it may appear, such division is attended by greater difficulties than that of a country. The most recent instance is the division of the Province of Bengal,