

West, and the development of a national spirit of united effort among our people, as the trustees of a great heritage.

Perhaps the greatest weakness in the Canada of to-day is the lack of unity. The progress of the Country has undoubtedly been retarded by the confliction of interests racial, religious and sectional with the result that, though we have seen fifty years of legal Confederation, we to-day have the small population of only seven (instead of 15 or 20) millions, and that too, widely scattered. There are many causes for this, the chief of which are misunderstanding, and the fact that large numbers of the electorate have thought and voted in the terms of their inherited political, racial and religious beliefs, instead of in terms of the Country's good. There have also been sharp differences in economic matters which sympathetic understanding might at the least have very greatly minimized.

Never was the need greater for standing together and sinking party and other differences, with the firm determination to work out our common salvation. Unified, we can cope with the enormous mountain of debt which has been rolled up by the war, and also successfully solve the social and economic problems which will be our war legacies, but if discord and racial and sectional misunderstandings are permitted to prevail, as in the past, the country will sup sorrow with a long, long spoon for many a long and weary year to come.

The Union Government has entered upon its duties with the strong, firm determination to give of its very best in thought and industry for the common good. It has no "axes to grind," no favorites to play, and no special interests to cater to or be afraid of. It has no quarrel with any section of the community and it seeks none. It earnestly desires and longs for complete unity of the nation, and will work earnestly and zealously toward that end. To win the war, to maintain the national honor and integrity, to avoid discord and disruption, and to conserve the nation's resources, strength and credit are its primary objects.

The Government specially counsels moderation in speech and action, on the part of its supporters during the election. This is essentially a time for sobriety in thought and speech, and for the exercise of the loftiest patriotism. It is no wise necessary for Unionists to use inflammatory or abusive language towards those who may think differently; they can with perfect assurance rely upon the justice and righteousness of their cause and the correctness of their attitude. Seldom is anything of real value gained by sectional, racial or religious appeals. These are the darkest days in the history of the world and of Canada, and men should accordingly comport themselves with dignity and restraint.

The Government would welcome the hearty co-operation of