

you particularly is the reference it contains to the Industrial Representation Plan and its significance. My own feeling is that this experiment marks a step forward in the recognition of the right of labor to have a voice in conditions affecting itself, analogous in many respects to the advance made in political rights when representative government succeeded the old system of an absolute, irresponsible executive. Though my work of the past year has been more in the United States than Canada, I feel that as a Liberal ^{through the co-operation with Mr. Rockefeller.} I succeeded in furthering the cause of Liberalism to a degree which I believe would have been impossible within the same period of time as a member of a Liberal administration.

I hardly know what turn events are likely to take this session. I believe that most of the members on our side of the House feel as you do that there is much to be said against giving the Government an extension of time for so long a period as they ask. Most of them believe that an election now would result in the Government's defeat, but most of them, and Sir Wilfrid among the number, feel, I think, that an election while the war is on would be unfortunate and should be avoided if possible. Whether the Government would agree to a compromise of an extension of time shorter than that proposed, it is difficult to say. My own feeling is that they would take advantage of a proposal of the kind to immediately dissolve and go to the country on the cry that there should be no change of government while the war is on. The Party itself has not come to a definite decision on its attitude, but I know that Sir Wilfrid in his own mind is determined not to allow