

A Supreme
Effort in Our
Great Cause.

"In view of these conditions, ladies and gentlemen, is it a strange thing to you that there should occur some wrenching, some destruction of the party alignments? Is it not desirable that there should be a **softening of party feeling** in this province and thruout Canada having regard to the circumstances and to the world wide conditions which I have endeavored to enumerate to you. What more natural than that there should be an effort on the part of men in both parties in this country to bring about real national unity? What more natural than that some men of both parties should urge their fellow countrymen to pool their hearts and their intellects so that we might be able to make a **supreme effort** in the great cause in which we are interested and so that we might best deal with all national interests?

National, not
Party Service
is Demanded.

"I know that I am the subject of much criticism from my old political friends and supporters in this constituency and in other constituencies thruout the province. It would be very difficult for one to bear the taunts and the criticism which he hears if he did not believe that the position he had taken was sound and right.

"I consented to take office in this Union government for a **definite reason** and for a fixed purpose. I did not reach the conclusion that I did because I had any desire for office. If I had **consulted merely my personal feelings** I would have remained out. Nor did I enter the Union government for the purpose of leaving or destroying my own party, or helping the Conservative party. I did not leave my political leader or my political principles. I simply agreed to join a Union government along with other liberals—a government that I believe will be non-partizan and which is designed for the **purpose of rendering National, not party service**. That is my creed, and I hope that the ladies and gentlemen that I address tonight will believe that I was actuated by no other motives.