

that the man who represents a great constituency as does this gentleman should stand up in the House and make such a statement as that. It is not to his honour, nor to the honour of the Parliament of Canada. This is only one instance among many. I had a letter to-day from a Presbyterian clergyman in my town, telling me of an aged couple in the western portion of my county whose son had just made the supreme sacrifice. Surely women of this class are entitled to consideration, more than any other class of women in Canada. I believe all the women of Canada are proud of the fact, and will be proud of the fact that the franchise has been extended to those of them who are relatives of the soldiers overseas. We have instances of a good deal of division on the other side of the House, and I want to speak in all kindness with reference to it. Twenty-seven Liberals voted with us on the Conscription Bill. The hon. member for South Renfrew (Mr. Graham) said to-night that when he voted for conscription he so voted with the approval of his leader—

Mr. CARVELL: And we have received a lot of credit for it to-night, have we not?

Mr. LALOR: Those who so voted did it conscientiously, and will get credit from their electors—

Mr. CARVELL: We have not got it from the Tory party anyhow.

Mr. LALOR: Twenty-seven Liberals supported the Government on the question of conscription. I want to give them credit for it, and I think the people of Canada will give them credit for voting honestly and conscientiously; they did not do so, because they thought they would lose votes if they did not. They supported it conscientiously and honestly, because they thought it was the right thing, and that the policy of the Government should be the policy of winning the war.

Mr. MARTIN: We thought the people of Canada were against conscription, and they are against conscription, and you will see it at the next election.

Mr. LALOR: The hon. gentleman says we will see it at the next election—

Mr. MARTIN: Sure.

Mr. LALOR: We expect that in the province of Quebec the Liberals will come back to this House with the pretty strong following—

[Mr. Lalor.]

Mr. MARTIN: Not in my case. I will not run any more.

Mr. LALOR: But your representation from the other provinces of the Dominion will be mighty slim when the election is over. I want to tell the Mayor of Montreal (Mr. Martin) there is nothing which has so moved the people of Canada as the riots and the anti-conscription meetings in the province of Quebec—

Mr. MARTIN: What the hon. member says is not true; he does not read the papers.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order, order.

Mr. MARTIN: I am trying to do everything possible—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order, order.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order.

Mr. MARTIN: —to stop these anti-conscription meetings. The hon member does not know what he is saying—

Mr. SPEAKER: If hon. gentlemen do not resume their seats when I stand I shall certainly name them. No member may interrupt the hon. member who has the floor except by that hon. member's permission.

Mr. LALOR: I cast no reflection upon the Mayor of Montreal. I do not insinuate anything in reference to himself, but he is mayor of the city and he should enforce the law—

Mr. MARTIN: And he will be mayor again.

Mr. LALOR: It is his duty to enforce the law as mayor of the city. He knows whether it is being done or not, and we know of the riots about which we read in the papers every day. We know of the anti-conscription meetings which are held attended by thousands of his fellow French Canadians—

Mr. MARTIN: And English too—

Mr. LALOR: —and we have read their speeches and listened to some of their statements in this House. The Minister of Labour (Mr. Crothers) referred to one of them to-night. What is going on will help carry this election, because people will not stand for that sort of thing. The Conservatives, and the Liberals as well, throughout the Dominion of Canada, are loyal people, with good red blood in their veins. They have sent their sons and their husbands overseas to fight our fight, and to do honour and credit to the Empire and to the Dominion as well, and they have done credit to it. They do not like to hear of the condition