

parliamentary representatives on the understanding that they will be governed from Ottawa; that Canadian public business will be transacted by Canadians in Canada. Hence, the duty of ministers, particularly at this critical period, lies in Ottawa and not in London; and if there be any business in London that cannot be transacted by letter or cable surely the High Commissioner can attend to it.

Mr. Speaker, it was an appreciation of conditions as they exist to-day that led Premier Martin to declare in his manifesto that

There is a situation developing in this country which, if continued, will disrupt Canada.

And it was his keen realization of the need of national unity that caused him to add this:

While there are men in the Government who were parties to the measures and the conduct which have thrown Canada into disorder to-day, still I have sufficient confidence in my friends who have entered that Government to believe . . . that they will put forth every effort to see that Canada is properly governed during the period of the war.

Before the present session shall have advanced very far it will be demonstrated whether or not the friends in whom Premier Martin expressed confidence will justify that confidence. If they do so by repealing the War-Time Elections Act, for which Premier Martin has specifically asked, and by adopting policies designed to bring people together rather than to keep them apart, they will have done much to repair the injuries from which the country is now suffering, and the continuance of which is alike inimical to national progress and to the part we all desire that Canada should play in this war.

Not only to Premier Martin's friends in the cabinet, but to all the members of the Government, to all the members of Parliament—aye, to all the people of Canada—there may be offered at this moment as an inspiration to that form of public service which alone can unify the discordant elements in our population, the example of the venerable leader of the Opposition, who takes up his new burdens in the spirit that breathed through the words of Gladstone's last Midlothian address: "While Nature cries aloud for rest, I am buckling on the armour."

Motion of Mr. Herbert M. Mowat (Parkdale), for an address to His Excellency the Governor General, agreed to.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Reid, the House adjourned at 9.52 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20, 1918.

The House met at Two o'clock.

#### GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

##### ADDRESS IN REPLY.

On motion of Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden (Prime Minister) it was ordered that the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, adopted by the House on the 19th instant, be engrossed and presented to His Excellency by such members of the House as are of the honourable the Privy Council.

#### REPORTS AND PAPERS.

Report of Women's War Conference.—Hon. Mr. Rowell.

Annual Report, Department of Marine and Fisheries for the fiscal year 1916-17.—Hon. Mr. Ballantyne.

Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1917.—Hon. A. K. Maclean.

Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1917.—Hon. A. K. Maclean.

Statement of Governor General's Warrants.—Hon. A. K. Maclean.

Statement of unforeseen expenditure.—Hon. A. K. Maclean.

Report of the Ottawa Improvement Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1917.—Hon. A. K. Maclean.

Report of the National Battlefields Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1917.—Hon. A. K. Maclean.

Statement of receipts and expenditures of the Royal Society of Canada for the year ended April 30, 1917.—Hon. A. K. Maclean.

Statement showing distribution of \$25,000,000 advanced by the Dominion Government to the Canadian Northern Railway and its constituent companies as provided for in chapter 24 of the Statutes of 1917.—Hon. A. K. Maclean.

Statement of superannuation and retiring allowances in the Civil Service during the year ended December 31, 1917.—Hon. A. K. Maclean.

Interim report of R. A. Pringle, K.C., commissioner to inquire into the manufacture, sale, price and supply of newsprint in Canada.—Hon. A. K. Maclean.

#### SUPPLY.

On motion of Hon. A. K. Maclean (Acting Minister of Finance) it was ordered that this House do on Friday next resolve itself into a committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.