

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.