

toto of the intention of the Government. If it were in English, I would read it at length—

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I will get the English version for nine o'clock.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: If the English version has been summarized and has not been laid on the Table before being given to the Press, the offence is worse than ever. We have a right to receive, contemporaneously with the Commons, all the regulations; and nothing else will answer me, no matter what it is.

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: You have here in detail a statement of what will take place—

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I want the regulations.

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: Of course, I am only the father of a family, and I cannot claim, when I do speak on such sacred matters, to have the same authority as the vituperative leader of a vituperative party.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: Ever since the beginning of this session we have been listening to an egging-on programme of: "Go on. You never do enough in whatever you undertake. More men are needed to be sent abroad," etc. I may remind my right honourable friend that there is still a country in the world by the name of Canada, and that it happens to be much larger and more difficult to protect than England. It also happens to be the largest Dominion in the British Empire, and I do not think England's situation would be much improved should this country go under first. We have to think of ourselves and protect our coasts. I do not think I am less loyal than anyone when I make this statement.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: May I be permitted a word?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: He is not through.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Oh, I beg pardon.

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: I could say much more, but I have exhausted what I intended to say to-day. In concluding I promise honourable gentlemen not to rise again and make ten speeches in one debate, contrary to the rules of the House.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I do not intend to contravene the rules of the House, but I think I may be permitted a word of personal explanation arising out of the remarks of the honourable senator from Westmorland (Hon. Mr. Copp).

I have no intention whatever of criticizing the efforts made by the Government in connection with the war. I have not done so, and I do not intend to do so. As a matter of fact—and I shall be brief—I think we are very fortunate in having a man like the Hon. Mr. Ralston at the head of the Department of National Defence at the present time.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Louder!

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I say I think we are very fortunate in having a man like the Hon. Mr. Ralston at the head of the Department of National Defence at the present time. He is a very capable man, a man in whom I have great confidence. I am sure he will do splendid work in connection with the war.

To pass along to the gentleman who is in charge of the Department of Munitions and Supply, we all admit, without exception, that if any man has worked hard and effectively it is the Hon. Mr. Howe. He deserves the greatest credit. In the first period of the war, as we know now, he was hampered in many ways; but when he has had a chance to do something really worth while he has done it, and done it splendidly. I say that without any hesitation at all.

At the head of the Air Ministry is my old friend whom we used to call "Chubby" Power. He is a man we all respect. He is very popular and very able, and I am quite sure he is doing splendid work.

These are the three key men in our war effort. I do not criticize them or their work; I have not done so during this entire session; and when an honourable gentleman on the other side accuses me of doing that kind of thing it arouses my resentment. All I did was to speak on the question of the necessity for men in the future, and some honourable gentlemen have endeavoured to twist and turn my words into a criticism of what the Government has been doing. I had no intention of making any such criticism.

Hon. Mr. COPP: Honourable senators, my honourable friend says he resents the remarks I directed across the floor of the House. I understood as clearly as I understand the English language that he, along with the leader of the other side, was criticizing the Government for not making sufficient progress in carrying on the war.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: No.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I was. I accept the charge.

Hon. Mr. COPP: I was glad indeed to hear the honourable gentleman from Saltcoats (Hon. Mr. Calder) express his admiration