

every true Canadian has endorsed? If we are, it is not by planning and scheming upon a general election in war time. What would be the effect of a political contest from one end of this Dominion to the other upon recruiting or fulfilling our obligations to our Empire, to our Allies, and our glorious cause? We all know too well what political contests in this country mean, and it would be to our eternal shame if, when our brothers are falling and bleeding and filling graves in France and Flanders, we should be fighting political battles at home. Yet that is what we are facing unless the best men in both parties, and the best newspapers in both parties, and the independent men and papers, speak out in tones that shall not be mistaken, that what we demand is not disunion but unity, not selfishness but sacrifice, among the leaders at Ottawa as among our people generally.

Let our leaders—Sir Robert and Sir Wilfrid—get together, not to make a truce, but to sit together in the same cabinet, if such be the best solution. Premier Asquith and Lloyd George and Reginald McKenna sit at the same council-table in the British Cabinet with Bonar Law and Arthur Balfour and Lord Lansdowne, and why not the statesmen of both parties at Ottawa? Is there any good and sufficient reason why they should not, when the interests at stake are so tremendous? It is a time for plain speaking by those who love our country more than the spoils of Egypt or the panoply of power. Let us stand by and for our boys at the front, who take their lives in their hands, and are willing to make the supreme sacrifice which man can make, and when we show that we have set aside all our political difficulties and animosities until the war shall have been brought to a glorious close, then will we see a rallying to the colors, and a heartening of all our people who love triumph of Righteousness, Justice and Freedom.

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## COALITION IS THE LOGICAL STEP.

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Every loyal and patriotic Canadian who desires that the Dominion should do its whole duty to the Empire and to our Allies in the great struggle in which we and they are engaged, will heartily assent to the proposition that there should not be a war-time election for the House of Commons. It would hopelessly divide our people and give the greatest comfort to the Kaiser and his political and military advisers. They would naturally magnify such evidence of disunion to the people of the Germanic powers and encourage them to continue the struggle, predicting to them the disintegration of the British Empire.

Hon. A. E. Kemp has delivered a message from the Dominion Government in which, after referring to the extension of the Parliamentary term for one year authorized at the last session, declared that the government proposes to ask for such further extensions as may be necessary. He says that upon the Liberal party will rest the responsibility of determining whether a war election shall be avoided or whether party strife should be precipitated and carried on during the pending struggle.

The Standard rejoices that the Government recognizes that a war election should be avoided. That is excellent. But it would be better—much better—if we can avoid all occasions for party strife while the great