

**"Mr. Macdon is thoroly representative of Nova Scotia Liberalism, is actuated by a profound sense of public duty and will, I know, bring great personal energy to bear upon the solution of any problems with which I may be confronted. He has undertaken no public duty that he has not discharged in a manner worthy of himself and the province he represents. His action in accepting a seat in the Cabinet has my cordial approval.**

Nova Scotia  
Liberalism  
Able  
Represented

"I admit this is not a time for recrimination, but perhaps it is well to say frankly that there was much in the record of the Conservative party which did not meet with the approval of Liberals. It is felt that legislation has been enacted and a policy pursued which has strained party feeling to the utmost and on all these questions Sir Wilfrid Laurier voiced the opinion of the party of which he is the distinguished leader. I am quite sure that it is a matter of regret to the Liberals of Nova Scotia that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not participating in the National government, for no province is he held in higher esteem than he is by the Liberals of this province.

"Sir Wilfrid's attitude on conscription did not voice the general sentiment in Ontario and the western provinces, altho no man could have more generously supported all other measures for war purposes. This difference of opinion on conscription was the only indication that there was not entire harmony with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's leadership. **All wellwishers for Canadian unity will regret that Quebec liberals have declined to co-operate in the National government.** With differences on the conscription issue settled, I would hope that the Liberals of Quebec will yet be able to join with the Liberals of the other provinces in the maintenance of Canadian unity and our common purpose in the war.

Regret that  
Quebec  
Liberals are in  
the wrong

"I realize that the formation of a National government presents many difficulties; in my judgment, you cannot extinguish party lines in this country. They will exist and their existence will, even under a National government, continually present difficulties which will require patience and perhaps courage in adjusting.