

OCTOBER 13.

The efforts of the Premier of Canada, Sir Robert Borden, to form a Union Government for the better prosecution of the war arrived on this day at a successful issue; the Government so formed being composed of an equal number of members of the two great political parties, with Sir Robert Borden as Premier. The first meeting of the new Cabinet was held the same day. The distribution of offices, as subsequently arranged, is as follows:

Premier, Secretary of State for External Affairs and President of War Committee and of Reconstruction and Development Committee—

Hon. Sir Robert Borden, P.C., K.C.

President of the Council and Vice-President of War Committee—Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C.

Secretary of State—Hon. Martin Burrell.

Minister of Justice—Hon. C. J. Doherty, K.C.

Solicitor-General—Hon. Hugh Guthrie, K.C.

Finance Minister—Sir Thomas White.

Postmaster-General—Hon. P. E. Blondin.

Leader in the Senate and Chairman Military Hospitals Commission.—Sir James Lougheed, K.C.

Minister of Trade and Commerce—Sir George Foster.

Minister of Militia and Defence—Hon. S. C. Mewburn, K.C.

Minister of Militia and Defence, Overseas—Hon. Sir Edward Kemp.

Minister of Public Works—Hon. F. B. Carvell, K.C.

Minister of Railways and Canals—Hon. John D. Reid.

Minister of Customs—Hon. Arthur Sifton, K.C.

Minister of Interior—Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.

Minister of Marine and Fisheries and Naval Services—Hon. C. C. Ballantyne.

Minister of Inland Revenue—Hon. Albert Sevigay, K.C.

Minister of Immigration and Colonization—Hon. J. A. Calder.

Minister of Agriculture—Hon. T. A. Crerar.

Minister of Labour—Hon. Thomas W. Crothers, K.C.

Ministers without portfolio—Hon. Frank Cochrane; Hon. A. K. McLean, K.C. (Vice-President of Reconstruction and Development Committee) and Hon. Gideon Robertson.

A TIMELY SUGGESTION.

We have been asked to publish the following Proclamation issued by one of the greatest and best men of modern times, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America, at the end of the second year of the bitter struggle between the Northern and the Southern States. It is unnecessary to enlarge upon the appropriateness of such a suggestion at a time when all the civilized nations of the earth are at war—a war which has