

Under Confederation, the functions of government were divided between the Dominion and the provinces. Some particular services were assigned to the provinces; other services to the Dominion. But in this period of contraction, and in this time of strain and stress, at home as well as abroad, it has become increasingly difficult for the separate governments, the provincial and the Dominion, to administer affairs in the comparatively easy fashion in which they could be administered some years ago. Difficulties wholly unforeseen some years ago have developed, and these difficulties have become more and more emphasized because of the kind of particularization, in one form or another, which has asserted itself in other countries as well as our own. I believe we shall be on the way to a solution of these difficulties before very long, now that the relations of the provinces and the Dominion have received the consideration they have at the hands of a great commission, and which, later on, they will receive by the people's representatives in the provinces and the Dominion alike.

A Nation-wide Party an Essential of National Unity.

Today, we are hearing a great deal about the old political parties, as though they were something in the nature of a menace to the country, rather than, as I believe them to be, one of the great instruments for helping to bind together the widely separated parts of the country.