

of great difficulty and complexity in attempting to carry on the Government in a house where you just have one hundred and one members of your party out of a total of two hundred and forty five.

If the Progressives vote with the Government on Mr. Meighen's amendment, it is an indication that they prefer the policy outlined in the Speech from the Throne to anything that Mr. Meighen is in a position to offer them, but there is room for the widest difference of opinion as to details when you come to embody in legislation, or express in administration, the Government's proposals. And if you experienced real difficulty in carrying on during the past four years when you had a majority of one in the House, owing to the instability of Progressive support, how much greater will be your difficulty at the present time. My impression is that you will find it practically impossible to carry on the Government in a dignified, courageous and efficient manner under present parliamentary conditions. If your Government should meet with rebuffs from time to time in the House, even though not of capital importance, the effect might be, and I fear would be, to steadily lower the prestige of the Government in the country, and the longer