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Chapter "THE DOMINION GENERAL ELECTION OF 1926"

Pp. 31-34

Mr. King's keynote speech of July 23, 1926, at Ottawa, is summarized; and his assertion of his faith in the principles of the British constitution is quoted (The Citizen, Ottawa, July 24).

Also covered is Mr. Meighen's discussion of the issue both before and after Mr. King's opening speech.

The issue was discussed extensively during the Election Campaign in the Province of Quebec, and speeches of Henri Bourassa are quoted from "Le Devoir".

Chapter "FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION AND POLITICS" (The Byng-King Correspondence)

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"The issues involved in the refusal of dissolution by the Governor-General to Mr. Mackenzie King in June 1926, and the subsequent dissolution granted to Mr. Meighen in July, following, were discussed at length on two occasions in the House of Commons during the Session of Parliament of 1926-27. The discussion ranged mainly around the correspondence which took place between Lord Byng and Mr. Mackenzie King in June and July 1926. . . ."

The correspondence is quoted, and the debate summarized. Some press comment - Ottawa Journal and Manitoba Free Press - is quoted.