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Mr. King's Address: Prime Minister Mackenzie King on Tuesday night asked the National Liberal Federation to summon a national convention. The Liberals of all Canada, he said, should be afforded opportunity at this time to review the party's present position and policies, and to consider the most effective means by which Liberal principles may be applied to a solution of problems that have followed in the wake of the war, and which would continue to present themselves in increasing measure, as nations sought to bring into being a new world order.

Following a reference to the need for efficient party organization, Mr. King proceeded: "As you will recall, I was chosen Leader of our party at the Convention held in this city, in August 1919, and have enjoyed this position ever since. Should I be spared, and continue to command the confidence of my fellow-Liberals, to a corresponding date in the present year, I will then have entered upon my 30th year in the leadership of the party. For very obvious reasons, I have for some time past been asking myself if the time had not arrived when the party should be afforded an opportunity of choosing a new leader. As you well know, I have not concealed my desire to be allowed to retire from active politics, just as soon as the party's interests and the country's would seem to justify that step...."

"....I need scarcely say that my decision to ask for the calling of a convention....is not a recent decision, suddenly reached in the light of any new situation which has arisen either in Canada or in any part of the world. Much less is it a decision based on any change of attitude toward myself on the part of my colleagues in the government, the Liberal members of the two Houses of Parliament, or the party throughout the country. It is true, I believe, that while I have very great reason to congratulate myself upon having had the unbroken support and confidence of all these constituent elements of the party, ever since I was chosen leader in 1919, I have never enjoyed that confidence in fuller measure than I do today. This is a reward of years of public service which nothing else can equal.

"I must confess that, over the two and a half years since the last general elections, I have continued to enjoy powers of endurance which, at many times in the past, I had not felt I had a right to expect. That I enjoy the measure of health I have at the moment is, I recognize, due in no small measure to the consideration shown my years by my colleagues in the Cabinet, and by my fellow Members in Parliament, and I think, I should add, by the Canadian public. This, however, is a consideration which, in the party's interests, and in the public interest, I have no right to expect to have shown indefinitely. At the end of the last session of Parliament I saw only too clearly that I should not continue to delay in the calling of a convention, and so informed my colleagues in the Cabinet.

"The life of a Parliament is five years. Assuming that a general election were not to take place before the expiration of the life of the present Parliament, that would leave to a newly appointed leader

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