

0 prepared to give me if I ran in his constituency. And may
I say in passing how pleased I am this evening to have the
honour of being welcomed by Mr. MacRae, a former member for
the constituency, who was also a colleague in the House of
Commons. That these gentlemen should have shared with
5 you the confidence which they have expressed in this way
is something for which I am indeed most grateful.

Now, Doctor MacDiarmid, I do not feel that I have
begun to say to you what I really would like to say. After
all, to give up a constituency for which one has been return-
10 ed in two war-time elections in order to enable another to
come in and represent one in that seat is a very great act
of generosity, of kindness, of loyalty and of good will.
For that generosity, that loyalty and good will I thank you
with all my heart. You, ladies and gentlemen, know the
15 doctor; he has lived here all his life. The fact that you
have returned him on these occasions indicates the high
esteem in which you hold him. Therefore perhaps you will
not be surprised at the public spirit which caused him to
perform an act which is of service not only to me as an
20 individual but which I believe will be also of service to
the party and, may I venture even to say, of service to
Parliament, because I do think it will be of some advantage
that the leader of the government, the leader of the House
of Commons should be in his seat when Parliament opens,
25 particularly at the beginning of a new Parliament. But it
was not altogether a surprise to me that the doctor should
have taken this stand, for during the five years and more
that we have been together in the House of Commons there
have been many occasions when we have had difficult times
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