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assist in working out constructive policies for the continued development of the Maritime Provinces and the welfare of all parts of our common country."

Could there be any more fair and generous assurance to the Maritime Provinces than these words of Mackenzie King? Yet the Conservative Press declared that his attitude towards Maritime claims was "cynical and offensive."

The Duncan Commission Makes its Investigation.

The Duncan Commission carried on its investigation during the brief period when the shadow government of Mr. Meighen was in office. Incidentally, Mr. Rhodes, Conservative Premier of Nova Scotia declared that Sir Andrew Duncan was told, "Not to touch the tariff if he would get anywhere." If this unwarranted limitation of the terms of reference was authorized it was done by the Meighen Government for the Duncan Commission conducted its whole inquiry while the Conservative government had its brief lease of power.

In the general election campaign which was held in 1926 Mr. Mackenzie King declared that the Liberal Party when returned to office would implement the recommendation of the Commission. The Leader of the Conservative Party made no such promise. He and his followers were opposed to the Commission from the time the proposal was first made.

Liberal Government Meets the Situation.

On Sept. 26th., 1926, the Liberal Government again assumed office. In the meantime on September 23rd, the Duncan Commission made its report. The Mackenzie King Govt. did not wait until the eve of a General Election to carry out its policies for the Maritime Provinces. In the first session of the new Parliament, it began to redeem its pledge to implement the recommendation of the Commission. In this great task Mackenzie King was assisted by the untiring efforts of Hon. J. L. Ralston and Hon. Peter Veniot, and Liberal Members of the three Maritime Provinces.

In announcing the policy of the Government with respect