

S P E E C H
OF THE
HON. R. P. ROBLIN.

VICTORIA HALL,

CARMAN, March 31st, 1903.

Mr. Chairman:— I thank you for the exceedingly kind welcome and reception that you have given me on this my first appearance as candidate for your suffrages at the approaching election. I am not surprised in any way at the evidences of friendship that you have manifested towards me so abundantly. I am no stranger to the people who constitute the electors of the Constituency of Lufferin, at least, not to any of those who were here in the early days, say in the '80's. It is true that many have come in since that time that I have not been able to keep in close touch with as I would like to have done, but circumstances over which I have had no control made it impossible. I have, however, retained the same interest, financially and otherwise, in the Town of Carman and in the surrounding country that I had in the years I speak of, and in coming back to you, accepting at your hands the nomination of the Conservative party which you were good enough to tender me to-day—I am speaking now more particularly to my Conservative friends—I feel that I could not receive a nomination from any source, from any class of citizens, from any electoral district in the Province, that carries with it greater significance than does that nomination which you to-day tendered to me. (Applause.) I thank you for it, the Liberal-Conservatives who were at that convention, and the people behind them whom they represent, for the honor they have done me. (Applause.)