

Ontario to-night—when the great, critical and crucial fight so far as Hydro Radials was concerned in the City of Hamilton, in the City of Windsor, in the City of Guelph was on—why did not Sir William Hearst send a message out “Support the Hydro Radial” and sign it W. H. Hearst? I was only a humble member of Parliament, but he was the responsible Prime Minister of this Province, and I judge him not by his eleventh hour promises to-day; I judge him not by what has been forced upon him as a result of the campaign that we are waging; I judge him not by what he has said in his manifesto; but I judge him by his failure to realise his duty to the people. I judge him by the fact that this man who is called the ‘man of decision’ has waited as he always does until the tide has turned, until he decides which way he is going to go. I am glad Alderman Ramsden and Controller Maguire and John O'Neill and Col. Cooper are here to-night to pledge themselves anew to the service of the municipalities, and to see that no Government takes away the credit that another individual is entitled to, and to see that so far as Sir Adam Beck is concerned in this Province, we as representatives will see to it that his hands are upheld and he is given the support he should receive.

I am aware, and you are probably aware too, that so far as I am concerned I have been made the subject of some newspaper observations. I do not take some of them seriously—Whom the Lord loveth, they say, he chasteneth—and I cannot help saying that so far as some of these newspapers are concerned, at bottom they must have a very singular affection for me, judging by the way they treat me editorially. If they would only report a little more of what I say I could thank them more. But I am glad to say that the words of those who have addressed audiences throughout the Province of Ontario have been heard, even where the words of the newspapers have not reached; and I want to say this to certain portions of the newspaper press in this Province, that the fact that certain things have been brought home to the people of this Province that they did not get through the press is a circumstance that the press must regard; and they will find that in the future the people are going to determine the policy of the people and they are not going to take domination from any press or newspaper.

There has been a determined, almost an inspired, attack upon me and upon the policy of the Liberal Party, because when I was elected as leader of that party, I accepted the policy of the Liberal Party in June in its entirety. We then declared as a party in favour of the highest degree of temperance legislation that this Province has the right to enact. We expressed the view of the