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The Leader of the Opposition

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By-election Results.

After 10 by-elections had gone against the government, Mr. Bennett made up his mind he would hold no more, Mr. King said. At the end of the last session, which considered far-reaching legislation, there were seven ridings without members. It was denying the people their right to be represented while taxed. In the same way, there were 17 vacancies in the Senate, a legislative branch. The Liberal leader charged Mr. Bennett had used the empty Senate seats as a whip over his followers, telling them they would become ineligible if they publicly spoke their minds.

"It is the flood that counts," Mr. King continued. It was not a Marketing Act in itself or the invasion of provincial rights, although dangerous in themselves, that counted. It was when scores of acts were taken together that it was noticed "we have come to the moment where our parliamentary government is at an end." If the dictatorship was carried to its conclusion, people would be refused the vote.

Hitlerism arose in the name of social reform, Mr. King continued. But today in Canada, farmers could be stopped from exporting their goods or even growing them without doing as the government said. "Are we going to let those things go on?" he asked.

R.C.M.P. Buildings.

In Ottawa, a building was being erected at a cost of \$1,200,000, voted as relief money, to house the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. For Calgary, the Prime Minister's home city, a barracks was being erected for the Royal Canadian Mounted

Police at a cost of \$1,200,000, Mr. King said.

"Those are only two of many buildings being built in Canada," Mr. King declared. "There are drill halls, armories all over the country, built at heavy cost. Why is that money being spent? It is to build up a great military force because all dictatorships demand power and the last word in dictatorship is the cannon and what comes out of the cannon."

Police Interference.

Police interference with the relief strikers was "a direct invasion of provincial rights," said Mr. King. The government of Saskatchewan was quite capable of handling the situation. It just went to show "how blind a dictatorship becomes," even on the eve of an election.

"As you think of the election to come," said Mr. King, "ask yourselves that little question 'Whither are we tending?' Think of what has happened and ask yourselves if we are making of Canada a second Italy, a second Germany, or a second Russia."