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Absence
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During the general elections themselves, because of the necessity of being present part of the time at the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, I was unable to give more than four weeks in all to the nationwide campaign. Of that time I was able to be in Prince Albert constituency only between three and four days in all, one of which was a Sunday.

Is it any wonder that the Liberals in the riding were almost in despair when the elections themselves were announced, and

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I was obliged to inform them that at most I could hope to be present in the constituency only for a day or two before the day of polling. It was indeed an uphill fight for them and I cannot speak too highly of the magnificent battle they waged and of the results they achieved against the tremendous odds with which they were faced. I shall always have a warm place in my heart for Prince Albert. Toward my supporters there, it is warmer today than ever.

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Having lost Prince Albert seat which I personally held over so many years, had the government been defeated I should not have sought another seat but would have retired from public life. The nationwide expression of confidence given by the people in the government not only justified but seemed to render advisable and necessary my continuing at the head of the administration, and knowing this to be the wish and the party generally, of my colleagues/it necessitated finding a seat in some other constituency.