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I know that it is the duty of the Opposition to fight and I know that young men are not attracted to a Party that will not fight. W.H.Dennis, of the Herald, is a brick. He was anxious for a fight and as soon as it was announced that O'Hearn would be the new Attorney General and contest Halifax Colonel Phinney, the President of the Liberal-Conservative Association, in reply to Dennis' phone call, announced that the Party would contest the seat and the announcement was made in very striking language.

Phinney changed his position almost immediately and, at a meeting of twenty or thirty of the older members had at a little dinner given by Mr.Black, he announced himself as saying it was not wise to have a contest and that he had changed his mind. Of course Mr.Dennis and I had discussed before with him this position. We knew that Phinney would alter his decision and I told Mr.Dennis that, so far as I was concerned, I thought, and most of them seemed to feel the same way, that I did not want the Herald to be in the position of ^{announcing} having a line of policy that the Party would repudiate.. Dennis said that was not a factor at all but that he himself thought we were wise in not having a contest.

What I am now saying is in strictest privacy. Hall, who is nominated as Leader of the local Party, showed his incapacity as a Leader. You will say that I am asking him to take a course that I do not take myself and that is unfair. But what he should have done was to have gone to the older members of the Party and said "You have got to fight and give the money to help this man through."