

Excerpt from Mr. King's speech, Ottawa, Oct. 12/35

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CHARGES 'UNDUE INFLUENCE' USED UPON ELECTORS

Rt. Hon. Mr. King Claims Circular Said to Have Been Issued at
Renfrew Violates Elections Act.

FULLEST INVESTIGATION IN INDUSTRY PROMISED

Says His Govt. Would See Plant Reopened and Operated If Closed.

Charges that the Dominion Elections Act had been violated by a group of Renfrew industrialists and the promise that if he is returned to power "these men will find out whether the law has any value" were made by Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal leader, at the Auditorium Saturday night in closing his nation-wide campaign before an audience of approximately 10,000 persons.

Would See Plant is Run

Mr. King dealt with a circular letter said to have been sent out over the signatures of officials of three Renfrew industries and also spoke in no uncertain terms in dealing with a statement attributed to M. J. O'Brien, Jr., that the Renfrew Machinery Company would close if Mr. King was returned to power. The Liberal leader said that if the plant was closed the Liberal Government would take it over and see that it is run. He also promised that employers could expect the fullest investigations into industry to find out how much safeguard was afforded the industry and the consumers by those who were obtaining special preferences.

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