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Interview given by Mr. Meighen.

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North Bruce

"In case there is a bye-election in North Bruce will the Conservative party contest it?" This question was put to Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, Conservative Leader, to-day. "Most assuredly we will. That is my very definite advice from North Bruce Conservatives" was Mr. Meighen's reply. "They realize that this contest is on no mere personal issue but is a chance to do a signal service to Canada in a national crisis."

"It has not been hard to guess for some little time", Mr. Meighen proceeded, "that the Government intend to try this seat next. Mr. Malcolm has been absent from the House continuously and is reported up in North Bruce trying to use the interval before an election is announced to persuade Conservative and independent voters to support him on the ground that he is to be made a minister. Probably also the tactics of West Middlesex will be repeated, and the Government candidate will utilize the advance information which he has to pre-empt all the halls of the riding for the last days of the contest."

"The Mackenzie King Administration holds office by virtue of the most disgraceful election frauds ever perpetrated in Canadian history. These are being disclosed day by day in the courts."

"They are not governing, they are simply clinging to their places and marking time. The legislation they have introduced is ill prepared and mainly farcical. It has no relation to the vital needs of the country. It makes no progress in Parliament. The Government indeed has no real control of Parliament."

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