

0 I should like to take advantage of this moment to say to each
of the gentlemen who visited me on the morning to which I
have referred how deeply I was touched at the time by the
expression of their friendship and what they brought to me
5 of the friendship of the people of this constituency. May
I say to you first of all, Mr. Major, how proud I am that
you should be presiding over this gathering tonight. Of
course I have known of your part in public affairs for many
years. Few citizens of any constituency have been more
10 active and more in earnest in regard to municipal, provincial
and dominion affairs than you have been. You have been a
stalwart among stalwarts in holding high the flag of Liber-
alism in our country, and I am proud indeed that as Presi-
dent of the Liberal Association of this constituency you
15 should be presiding here this evening extending the words of
welcome which you have so very generously expressed.

May I say the same to Mr. Donald Macdonald, K.C., who
has spoken to you so eloquently from this platform tonight.
Mr. Macdonald is another of the leaders of Liberalism in
20 our land, a man who has taken a great part in shaping public
opinion, not only in this constituency but throughout
different parts of our province and different parts of the
dominion. I should like to be able to dwell at length on
some of the things he was kind enough to say this evening,
25 but I wish to refer to other speakers also, so must limit
what I have to say at this time. But let me say to him that
I shall always remember with deepest gratitude the earnest
manner in which, on the day he came to Laurier House, he
told me about the opportunity which the constituency of
30 Glengarry would offer to the leader of the government,