

I saw Sir Wilfrid defeated by an unholy alliance between the Nationalists of this province and the Tories of the other provinces of Canada. I saw all that grew out of that ignoble and treacherous plot. I need not give you the record. It will be for all time a blot of shame on the pages of our country's history.

But the question I wish to put to you tonight, to you who know the truth of what I am saying, is whether you, the people of the province of Quebec, intend to allow the tactics of 1911 to be repeated successfully in 1945, and to have Mackenzie King in 1945 suffer the fate of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1911? Please don't forget that in 1911 it was the men who called themselves Nationalists, the men who spoke of themselves as Independents, but whose campaigns were being financed by the Tory Party, were the men who contributed in largest measure to the defeat of Laurier. I hope history is not going to repeat itself in any success of the alliance between Mr. Bracken and a new generation of so-called independents.

Let me make this perfectly clear. This is the last general election which I intend to contest. But, as I said in my opening address in Vancouver some weeks ago, I am heart and soul in the present fight. I should welcome another term of office, not, I can assure you, for the added burdens and anxieties it cannot fail to bring. I would welcome it because