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NAME GARDINER IN SUCCESSION TO C. DUNNING

Former Premier Asserts That Call
To Ottawa Is Call To
Duty.

By Canadian Press.
REGINA, Sask., Feb. 25.—Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Highways, was today chosen Premier of Saskatchewan in succession to Hon. C. H. Dunning, who resigned to accept the Federal portfolio of Minister of Railways and Canals.

The choice was made today by a province-wide convention of Liberal supporters including all Liberal members of the Legislature, candidates defeated at the last election and officials of the constituency Liberal Associations.

The joint session which gave Mr. Gardiner its unanimous endorsement followed a separate meeting of the Liberal M. L. A.s in the afternoon.

The only name to come before the meeting of the members was that of Mr. Gardiner and he received a demonstration.

Call to Duty.

Mr. Dunning appeared before the members of the Legislature. He said that it was not altogether a pleasant task to return to the people of Saskatchewan the trust they had four years ago delivered to him. He paid a tribute to the loyalty of his colleagues and the Saskatchewan Liberal officers.

Mr. Dunning said that he did not feel like a quitter in leaving Saskatchewan. The province had turned the corner and easier times were ahead.

The call to Ottawa, he added, he regarded as a call to duty. The fact that there were difficulties in Ottawa he regarded as a challenge to duty.

Mr. Dunning declared that he had been touched by the expressions of kindness from Regina citizens but he would like to say to the Conservatives, "bring on your man." This reference was to reports that a Conservative would be nominated to oppose him in the coming by-election in Regina.

Appreciate Services.

The meeting passed a resolution expressing appreciation to Mr. Dunning for his service "to the province and to Liberalism," and expressing approval of his action in going to Ottawa.

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