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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

When, on the night of June 11th, it was apparent that the government had been again returned to power, I was congratulating myself on having fought my last political battle. There have been 20 general elections in Canada since Confederation. In 10 out of the 20, I have been in the thick of the battle. That takes us back to 1908 - 37 years in all. That ought to be enough for any man.

As you are aware, I made it clear to the electorate that the campaign of the present year would be the last general election in which I would ~~ascekt~~ to be returned to Parliament. When the returns first came in and for some days after, it looked as if not only had the government been sustained, but also as if I had been so fortunate as to have been again returned as the Member for Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, a constituency which I have had the honour of representing in Parliament for all but ^{nearly} twenty years. It is true that on the civilian vote I carried the constituency by a majority of ²⁶³ ... However, when the service vote for Saskatchewan was counted, Prince Albert Constituency ~~was~~ ^{was}, like every other constituency in Saskatchewan except one, was lost to the government