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The Leader of the Opposition

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Would Re-Open Offer

"Should I be elected prime minister, in view of the conference next year, I should go to Mr. Baldwin and present him with this statement," said Mr. King. "I should sit down with him and say that there now existed a different spirit in Canada than that revealed at the conference. I should ask him to revise his policy to meet modern conditions.

"What answer would Mr. Baldwin make to a statement of that kind? I have no doubt in my mind what Mr. Baldwin would do. I have sat in two conferences when Mr.

Baldwin was prime minister and as a result we have come to know each other a good deal better.

"What did Mr. Baldwin say standing in front of the city hall in Toronto when he came here with the Prince of Wales? He said: 'I defy anyone to find two statesmen who pull together better for the good of the empire than Mr. Mackenzie King and myself.' I have no reason to think conditions have changed.

"I think we ought to have had reciprocal trade with Britain two years ago. Mr. Bennett may have something of that kind in mind. Mr. Bennett may have some card up his sleeve which he may play at the last moment—some agreement—but the people will say: 'Why have we not had this before now?'

"If a Liberal government is returned to office we will seek trade in all the markets of the world.

"Take Party All in All"

"When a man proposes to a woman I am told she has to understand that she takes him all in all or not at all," said Mr. King, amid laughter. "It is the same with a political party.

"If it is Mr. Woodsworth, you must embrace him and Miss Macphail, and a lot of others besides (laughter).

"If you take Mr. Stevens you must take him all in all, not merely as he is now, but as he has been for the last 20 years.

"Who was it that stood by Mr. Bennett for many years in his policy of high tariffs that were killing our trade?" demanded Mr. King. "He was no other than Mr. Stevens.

Stevens "Changed Too Late"

"Mr. Stevens has held in Mr. Bennett's cabinet for five years the ministry of trade and commerce. He was responsible for that portfolio.

"If he believed in lower tariffs, as he says he does now, he should have resigned the day he went in for he knew the government's policy of trade isolation by means of high tariffs.

"I am presenting this case broadly and you must trust us all together in regard to the Banking Act, the Marketing Act and all the rest of it," declared Mr. King.

"I want to present to you the position I have taken all along," he said. "I do not go around bribing province after province with promises which cannot be fulfilled. Have confidence in us, look at our record in office, remember Sir Wilfrid Laurier, raising the country from depression. Then study my eight and one-half years as premier.

"I do not hesitate to say that, once more we will see a country rise out of depression and go forward to a prosperity the like of which has never before been experienced in Canada."

Lusty cheers greeted Mr. King as he concluded his address.