

0 very sincere and deep appreciation for that offer. I said  
to my colleagues in the cabinet that it was necessary for me  
to return to San Francisco in order to sign, along with my  
colleague Mr. St Laurent, the Minister of Justice, the United  
Nations Charter which was about to be completed at that time,  
5 and that I would leave it with my colleagues to decide in  
which constituency they thought it would be best for me to  
seek the nomination. When I returned from San Francisco I  
was delighted indeed to find that it had been arranged that  
I was to run in this constituency of Glengarry; that Doctor  
10 MacDiarmid not only had again signified his readiness to step  
aside but had actually accepted or agreed to accept an office  
of emolument under the crown in order that he might thereby  
create a vacancy through having accepted office while a  
Member of Parliament. That office is not a very lucrative  
15 one, but the heart which was prepared to make that decision  
is a very large one, and tonight I should like to thank  
Doctor MacDiarmid with all my heart for his generosity, his  
loyalty and his friendliness in making that decision.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, almost immediately follow-  
20 ing that the electoral officer at Ottawa announced that there  
was a vacancy in the constituency of Glengarry and that a by-  
election would be held on August 6, with official nominations  
to take place on July 30. Following that I learned that the  
Liberals of the constituency were arranging for a convention  
25 to nominate their candidate and that in all probability the  
nomination would be tendered to myself. Well, here we are  
assembled together this evening. This has been the day of  
the convention and I must confess to you that it is a day I  
shall remember with gratitude and pride as long as I live.  
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