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Liberal Aims and Policies

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It has been my privilege at the conclusion of each session of parliament to follow a custom which is time-honoured in the Old Land of making the first public address in review of the work of the session to the electors of the constituency which has honoured me as its representative in Parliament. Having this thought in mind and having advised the Liberals of North York of my desire to hold thereto, I was embarrassed for the moment in knowing what reply I should make to officers of the Toronto Men's Liberal Association, when some weeks previous to the conclusion of the session they expressed their desire to be associated with the North York Association in a meeting to be arranged at a place sufficiently central to permit of the joint attendance of electors from the city of Toronto as well as from the County of York and adjoining counties.

At the time of this conference the Redistribution Bill was before the Commons, but had not been passed. It proposed the enlargement of the constituency of North York by the addition of the townships of Markham and Vaughan. It was pointed out that were the meeting to be held at Markham I would have the privilege of speaking, not only to the men and women whom I now have the honour to represent in Parliament, but as well, within the borders of the

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