

0 Liberal party. Some of you will recall the great convention  
that was held at Ottawa in 1919, at which I was chosen as  
leader of the Liberal party. At that time, like the present,  
I was without a seat in Parliament and I had to find a con-  
stituency if I was to be in Parliament as leader of my party.  
5 I recall very well that at the close of that great convention  
some of the delegates who were present came to me and said,  
"Mr. King, you will have to find a constituency, and before  
you make a final decision think about the county of Glengarry."  
I do not know whether they had any authority from any source  
10 to extend that word at that time, but it is a word that has  
remained in my memory and always will; and it gains a new  
significance tonight because, as I say, it seems to complete  
the circle which links the year 1919 with the year 1945,  
and the association between Glengarry and myself.

15 As a matter of fact what happened on that occasion  
was this. Even before the final ballot had been cast Mr.  
John Bell, who was then the Premier of Prince Edward Island  
and who was on the platform while the votes were being  
counted, came over to me and said, "You are going to be  
20 chosen as leader. Now, before I return to Prince Edward  
Island let me ask you not to give a decision to anyone as  
to where you are going to run because we have a vacancy in  
Prince county in Prince Edward Island and I am sure our  
friends there will be glad to offer you to seat." When  
25 Mr. Bell returned to Prince county I received a telegram  
offering me the constituency of Prince in Prince Edward  
Island and I accepted that offer. I am telling you tonight  
a little secret which has remained in my memory ever since,  
but which I am happy to disclose openly this evening.  
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