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DIGBY, N.S., OCTOBER 3, 1921:

(From Halifax Herald, October 4, 1921)

If the Liberals in 1911 had not gone down to defeat fighting the battles of the farmers in the reciprocity debate, there might be some excuse for putting farmer candidates in every riding in Canada, declared Mackenzie King, Liberal Leader, at tonight's meeting in the roller rink here. But as it is they are dividing the forces of progress in seeking not alone a voice in the government but a group in the government of their country. It would not be surprising if the common enemy of Farmers and Liberals had been responsible for many of the Farmer candidates being placed in the field. "I see my friend Mr. Davidson (the sitting member) in the hall. Wouldn't he enjoy seeing a Farmer candidate in the riding to take votes away from Dr. Lovett, who represents the Liberals and who will be the next member for Digby Annapolis?"

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Those who believed in the rule of the people instead of the rule of plutocrats must not allow themselves to be subdivided into groups. The great principles of Liberal, Farmer, Labour, War Veterans and Women's parties were similar. They were facing a united force of autocracy. Their fight should be made in union, allowing none to divide them but sweeping together in a great wave of progress to bring about government of the people by the people at Ottawa.

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Note: We have no further clippings at Laurier House covering the Maritime campaign, which ended October 16, 1921, the Western tour of November 12 to 17, and the Ontario tour of November 23 to December 3.

Mr. Gibson already has the short report of the Pembroke Meeting of November 28, 1921, from the Ottawa Journal; as well as the item from the Ottawa Journal of November 29, 1921, supplied by the Ottawa Reform Association and criticizing the Progressive Party.

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