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Statement to the press by the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, November 14, 1938.

The net result of the recent by-elections is to leave the Government at the beginning of the fourth year of the present Parliament with a larger following in the House of Commons than it had immediately after taking office in 1935, notwithstanding that it had been given at that time the largest majority ever accorded a Federal Administration.

I need scarcely say that this expression of confidence on the part of the electorate is deeply gratifying to my colleagues and myself, and to Members of the Party throughout Canada.

The election of Mr. J. E. Matthews, as Member for Brandon, marks the second contest, within the past year, in which a Government supporter has been successful in a constituency which, in the general elections of 1935, returned a Conservative candidate. As in Victoria, where the present Liberal Member, Mr. Hughes, won the seat, which, since 1906, had been held by a Conservative, the Government's endeavours to further the extension of trade with other countries was one of the outstanding issues of the campaign.

Mr. Matthews' victory in Brandon constitutes a striking endorsement of the policies and record of the Government, and, in particular, of its present efforts to conclude a broad and comprehensive trade agreement with the United States.

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