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Address by The Rt. Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister of Canada
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On August the 8th, 1939, members of the Liberal party from all parts of Canada met in Toronto. The memories of that vast gathering are much in my thoughts tonight. It was the last occasion on which I had the privilege of meeting with other leaders and supporters of the party, at a social political gathering - a gathering which permitted of a review of the party's record in the past, of its present fortunes, and of its aims and cherished ambitions for the future.

Confidence of party towards its Leader
during past quarter of a century.

I had just completed twenty years of leadership of the party, and the occasion was in part to commemorate that event. More than four years - the average life of a Parliament - is a long time to be allowed to lapse between any kind of meeting between the leader of a political party, and those to whose confidence he is primarily indebted for the position of trust he enjoys. The intervening years
have been years of war.

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