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The Leader of the Opposition

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Even in his reform legislation Mr. Bennett had chosen to play the role of the dictator, said Mr. King. He had launched his policy without consulting his party, without even saying a word to the Conservative members of Parliament and senators and, if rumor was true, without mentioning it to his cabinet.

Hitler and Mussolini.

In this Mr. Bennett was following the example of Hitler and Mussolini. Under Fascism the leader was everything, made all decisions and the business of the party was to glorify him.

"It is the flood that counts," said Mr. King. It was not with individual acts of the Bennett government the people need concern themselves, but with the accumulation of

acts all of the same type. Arguments about the merits of this item or that were of no benefit if the cumulative effect of the Bennett policies in creating a bureaucracy, manned by Tory office holders, were not taken into account.

For Freedom and Rights.

Liberalism stood for freedom and the rights of Parliament as attained after centuries of struggle, said Mr. King. With all provincial governments but one of Liberal complexion the election of a Liberal government at Ottawa would enable men of one mind and one purpose to inaugurate an era of freedom and co-operation and solve the problems confronting Canada.

Mr. King was addressing the Central Ontario Liberal Association at its annual meeting. He was speaking in support of his former private secretary, Prof. Norman McL. Rogers of Queen's University, Liberal candidate in Kingston.

Introduces Leader

The Liberal leader was introduced by Miss Lillian Mowat of Kingston, a niece of Sir Oliver Mowat, a former Ontario premier and one of the Fathers of Confederation.

To a group of Liberal members, Mr. King predicted he and his followers in the next Parliament would not be in opposition benches but "we will be sitting over on the government benches."

The Liberal leader said he looked forward in all humility to another term of office as prime minister, considering the state of the country. But his past experience told him of the soundness of the country and its people and his faith in the policies of his party.

Loyal Co-operation

Just as Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave Canada 15 years of its greatest prosperity, Mr. King said he was sure a Liberal government today would lead it back to progress. This was especially true, considering the loyal co-operation that had been manifest in the Liberal party in the 16 years he had been leader.

"Unless," said Mr. King, "there is a party loyal enough, big enough and strong enough to extend as one from coast to coast, to co-operate as one, the problems we have today cannot be settled satisfactorily."

Mr. King referred to the fact there were Liberal governments in every province but one and he predicted Liberals would sweep that one in a few weeks. Considering the political complexion of the provinces, Canada had "a chance as never before for men of one will and of one thought to work together and raise this country out of the depression in which it has been for the last five years."

Tribute to Sir John A.

Speaking in the home city of Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, Mr. King paid tribute to the memory of the great Conservative leader. Sir John, he said was a great believer in democracy and in the parliamentary method of government. Were he living today he would stand shoulder to shoulder with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, were the old Liberal chief alive, in opposing the tendencies to autocracy now in evidence.

The city of Kingston, said Mr. King, had an intimate association with the life of his grandfather, William Lyon Mackenzie. It was in Kingston the rebel leader had met and married Mr. King's grandmother and in which he lived for a time after his return from exile.

"He was more fortunate than I in finding a life partner," said Mr. King. "But perhaps I was more fortunate than he in that I have never had a price put on my head."

To War Veterans.

To the war veterans of Canada Mr. King said he could point with pride to the record of the Liberal party in its nine years in office. That was the test of the Liberal attitude towards war veterans. He had said then and said now that so long as there was a war veteran left in Canada a Liberal government would not forget his service.