

0 who had suggested to them that he would be willing to step  
aside and have the constituency of Glengarry offered to me  
if the members of the executive and others of the Liberal  
Association were willing that this step should be taken.  
They told me that they themselves were members of the assoc-  
5 iation and that they felt sure that if I would be willing to  
accept the nomination in the constituency of Glengarry the  
good people of this constituency would be prepared to have  
me as their candidate.

It so happened that Doctor MacDiarmid was in the city  
10 at the same time. He came to my office in the afternoon and  
repeated what these gentlemen had said, that he would be  
happy to step aside and allow me to run in the constituency  
of Glengarry, if I would be prepared to accept the nominat-  
ion if it were offered to me by the constituency. He said,  
15 as he has said to you this evening, that he felt there was  
a certain duty owing to the party as a whole that its leader  
should find a seat in Parliament, and not only in Parliament  
during the time of the session but that he should be able to  
take his seat as soon as the session opened.

20 Well, ladies and gentlemen, I need not say to you how  
deeply touched I was by that expression of friendship,  
loyalty and good will on his part and on the part of the  
others who called upon me. I reported the matter to my  
colleagues in the cabinet and told them of the kind offer  
25 which had been made. I told them also of offers which had  
come from members elect and the executives of a number of  
ridings in different provinces of Canada; and just here I  
should like to take this opportunity of expressing to the  
many constituencies which have offered me the possibility  
30 of a seat, if I should be prepared to run there, a word of