

man went so far as to say that all Premiers of this Province have been honest. Now, Sir, I am not going to say a single word about any particular Premier's honesty, or anything of the kind, but, sir, is it political honesty to keep a constituency for nearly two years without a representative in this House? Is that the kind of honesty we want? That is the kind we had prior to 1905. Was it political honesty to hold a sitting in this House earlier than usual to head off an election trial, for fear a Cabinet Minister might be misquoted? That is the kind of honesty they seem to revel in. That is the kind we had prior to 1905. I don't know, Sir, that we would ever get that kind again from a Liberal Government. I have a great admiration for the present leader of the Opposition. I am confident that he would not put up with that kind of thing, should he ever come into power. Perhaps the hon. gentleman from the Soc thinks these things are not so bad after all, when he remembers the Minnie Mcmenland at the Soc. Perhaps that is the kind of political honesty he enjoys.

THE GREAT ALEXANDER

Then he went on to tell us that the Soc had a Great Alexander in their camp, and told us at length what the Great Alexander would do when he came into power. Let me remind the hon. gentlemen from the Soc that when the Great Alexander comes into power there will be no Smith to back him up. He will be down and out before that time. There will be other bright and enterprising men on the Conservative side of politics who will have done great things for the Soc time and time again before the Great Alexander comes into power.

Now, Sir, after about thirty years or more of Liberal Government, the Conservatives eventually came into power, and I suppose you will remember with me, that the Conservatives themselves were just a little in doubt as to how their leaders would make good. We were just a little anxious as to what the Cabinet might do. It is a long time, thirty years, to be in opposition, and the Liberals had told us we could not govern this country. Their newspapers had said so. Well, Sir, we have had three years of Conservative Government. I say this, that **I believe every independent man in the Province of Ontario to-day will agree with me that the Conservative Party have made good to a greater extent than even their most hopeful friends anticipated.** You know, Sir, that after all the Government of this country is not just a question of gathering in a few dollars; it is not just a question of spending a few dollars. There are big responsibilities. They have to anticipate the growth of this country. They have to be ready to produce constructive legislation, and with it all they have to be honest, in their business management—(applause)—and they have to be progressive. Now, the question before us is this;