

have appreciated it. He would have appreciated what we have down there, what we fight for, and what we in that part of the country endeavour to represent.

In regard to the hon. member's observations I can only say that I know a great deal more than he does about the views of the people of Halifax. I am satisfied that the very great majority are satisfied with the course I suggested, and that they believe it was the proper course to pursue. I do not hesitate to say that, and I shall repeat it when the time comes.

I am glad to note that the Progressive Conservatives have finally found a man whom they will nominate this evening. He is a big man, I might say—so far as size goes—and, I believe, a very good man. He will be nominated tonight to contest the election when it is called. But after their long search they stand in exactly the same position as they did two months ago. And when the election is called, when election day rolls past, they will remain as they were in the past.

Mr. MERRITT: You have not a candidate yet.

Mr. ISNOR: You worry about your own; don't worry about ours.

Mr. GRAYDON: That is what Angus L. says about him.

Mr. ISNOR: We will look after ourselves down there, so far as the Liberal party is concerned.

Mr. GRAYDON: And Angus L.

Mr. ISNOR: Oh, we have done very well since 1935. Apparently this is developing into a political discussion. May I remind my Conservative friends sitting opposite that in 1935 I was returned by a comfortable majority, and again in 1940.

In order to refresh the memories of hon. members opposite I would refer to the election of 1945. In that election let me say that they had two exceptionally fine candidates, in the persons of Major—now Colonel—MacKeen, who was recently appointed director of one of the trust companies. But he does not feel that he can re-offer himself, although he is a very fine type. Then there was Major Dwyer, also a fine man. Perhaps under ordinary circumstances he should have been available at this time. With all due respect to the president of the Dominion Progressive Conservative association, let me say that he went there, but he could not get Major Dwyer—and a great many others—to stand up. I hope they will get a man this evening at their convention.

[Mr. Isnor.]

Mr. MACDONNELL (Muskoka-Ontario): We will; don't you worry.

Mr. ISNOR: He was selected. Why? Because he said something like this, "We must not allow this by-election to go by default. Even if I must be sacrificed, I am willing."

Let us look over the vote in the 1945 election.

Mr. MERRITT: Would the hon. member permit a question?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Sit down.

Mr. MERRITT: I am most apprehensive about this. Is the hon. member going to tell us, before he finishes, when the writ will be issued?

Mr. ISNOR: If that is a question which another hon. member has passed to my hon. friend to ask, then I do not think it amounts to much.

I was about to mention the vote in the 1945 election. In that campaign there were two fine candidates supporting the C.C.F. party; both were good types of citizens. One of them was one of our brightest young men, and it was not to his discredit that he did not poll a bigger vote. It was the policies he was advocating. Those were the policies he was standing for. He was a fine type of young fellow. He had as his running mate the assistant solicitor for the city of Halifax, Mr. Rooney.

Mr. MACDONNELL (Muskoka-Ontario): I am enjoying the hon. member's speech, but I want to ask him if it has any relation to the question which has been asked?

Mr. ISNOR: It has a definite connection. Mr. Shaw polled 8,941 votes, and Mr. MacKeen, who was the leading Conservative vote getter, polled 18,182 votes. I hate to mention myself, but I polled 26,407 votes, or a majority of 8,225 over the leading Conservative, and 17,466 over the leading C.C.F. candidate.

Mr. MACDONNELL (Muskoka-Ontario): You cannot run again; you cannot be both members.

Mr. ISNOR: That is the situation as it is at the present time. May I say to my Conservative friends that I have every reason to believe that a great majority of their supporters are quite satisfied with the way I am representing them. I do not want to appear conceited or anything, but that is the case.

Mr. KNOWLES: You are just as good a Tory as they are.