

0 dence that there has been nothing in the way of dictator-
ship, that there has been no pressing of a candidate from
above by those who, for one reason or another, felt they
had to accept him. It is an evidence of a free people in a
free country making a free choice, and as long as that is
5 preserved from one end of our country to the other we need
have nothing to fear for the preservation of our freedom
and the growth of our liberty. These gentlemen come here
tonight with the voice of the people themselves. All of
you who are here of the Liberal party, whether men or women,
10 young men or elderly, have had your say. Any one of you
was free to make any other nomination. If the right choice
has been made, you have helped to make that choice. That is
self-government in the truest sense of the word and tonight,
ladies and gentlemen, I feel a very great pride that after
15 all the years I have spent in public life--and they run
now between the thirties and the forties--I should come so
near the very voice of the people itself, and have them
express, after all that period of time, such great confi-
dence as they have expressed in me at this time. I thank
20 you one and all for this great honour, this great tribute,
this highest compliment that could possibly be paid to any
public man. If I am successful in my efforts to be your
representative in Parliament I shall seek never to forget
the trust you have placed in me and to do my utmost to pro-
25 tect your liberties and further to the best of my ability
the interests of this constituency.

This is perhaps the point at which I should say
that I am very happy indeed to accept the nomination of the
Liberals of Glengarry to be their candidate in the by-
30 election for the Parliament of Canada which takes place