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Premier W. L. Mackenzie King Gives Riding Account of His Government.

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The Town Hall, Newmarket was filled to overflowing when Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, representative for this riding, addressed the annual meeting of the North York Liberal Association.

Before the addresses, a business meeting of the association was held when the following officers were elected:

Pres., W. H. S. Cane, Newmarket. A resolution was adopted to have a Vice-President from each district of the riding, as follows: W. H. Johnson of Georgina; Walter Holborne of Sutton; Ernest Morton of North Gwillimbury; E. W. Rowan of East Gwillimbury; Victor Hall of King Township; Reeve Morgan Baker of Whitchurch; W. H. Helmer of Newmarket; Arthur Ough of Holland Landing; Harry Teasdale of Aurora; S. McNair of Vaughan; Russell Reesor of Markham Village; Dr. Garnet McLean of Woodbridge; Reeve T. H. Trench of Richmond Hill; A. D. Bruce of Markham Township; Dr. W. A. Sangter of Stouffville. J. Harry Naughton was appointed Secretary, and T. H. Legge as Treasurer.

While Mr. King spoke of the successful efforts his Government had extended to secure the removal of the embargo on Canadian cattle in England, and briefly explained the Government's attitude on the tariff, his address was largely an account of his own work. He told his constituents of his recent trip through the West, and gave them some of the impressions which he had obtained from his mingling with the people there.

As he stepped from the platform the old hall re-echoed with

the cheers of the six hundred men and women present from every part of his constituency. These were repeated when, after a short address by W. E. N. Sinclair, K.C., M.P.P., Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, the Premier stood up to speak to his supporters.

After remarking upon the pride with which he represented "the historic old riding of North York" Mr. King stated that in rendering an account of the government's work he wished to point out one of the things it had done in a quiet way—the preparation and passing of the recent Redistribution Bill. In past years the preparation of this bill had been taken by the Government in power as an opportunity, he said, not to give the people of the country a fair representation in the House, but as an opportunity to gerrymander so as to enhance their vote at the polls by the inclusion of districts favorable to them. This system had been superceded by a fair, honorable procedure during the recent redistribution.

Redistribution
"What I want to emphasize is this," said Mr. King: "The Government did not present the bill and say, 'This is how the seats are to be redistributed.' The Government appointed a committee of representatives from every party in the House and this committee got together to make a fair distribution of the number of seats. Work began at the session before last, and they were reappointed last session, during which they completed the bill. When the bill was brought before the House, no amendments were moved by the Opposition, and it passed unanimously. I think the

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