



Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,
who succeeds Sir Wilfrid Laurier as leader of the Liberal party in Canada

gan, and almost immediately he entered upon the most poignantly distressing period of his life. He easily could have joined the militia and obtained a comfortable post, for at his age he scarcely would have been permitted to go to the Front. Quite apart from that, however, we find a remarkable coincidence. Mackenzie King at this time was engaged, beside his other duties, in obtaining material for his book, which is a study of the ills that affect industrial life and which was undertaken in the same spirit in which the British Government thought well of having a special department established to study the problem of industrial reconstruction. At the same time Dr. Macdougall King was engaged in writing his book on "The

Battle with Tuberculosis and How to Win It", a work that has been taken by both the Canadian and American Governments for use in all their military hospitals. Here, then, were two brothers devoting their splendid energies to the task of ameliorating man's condition in life. But that is not all. Dr. King was himself a victim of tuberculosis. He had been on his back for two years, and during that time and afterwards he and his wife and twin sons were supported in large measure by the brother, Mackenzie King, who, quite apart from his own personal affairs, was engaged in assisting several of the largest war industries on this continent to adjust their industrial relations so as to ensure continuous and maximum output on