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"Oxford still remains, I think, the heart of Liberalism," declared Mr. King. "In this constituency as re-organized, I know that you will return my friend Mr. Rennie.

"I have seen many men come to the House of Commons but I have seen few who came to the House of Commons in a by-election and advanced so rapidly in the estimation, not only of his colleagues, but even of members of the government," said Mr. King.

"In these times, governments cannot rely too much upon the assistance given by women," added Mr. King. "Sometimes I feel that the people do not realize how close to the home are these great economic problems.

"We hear a lot of the forgotten man, but too little of the forgotten family. We must all stand and work together.

**Protests Election Delay**

"I want to protest the interminable delay in setting the date for a general election," declared Mr. King. "It has been the right of the Canadian people for at least two years past to have an election."

The speaker suggested that "evasion" of a general election constituted "a breach of the spirit of British institutions." He maintained that the country was crying for the election which an "autocrat" denied.

Mr. King said it had always been part of the British form of constitutional government that no government should remain in office when it had lost the confidence of the people. "When it was said no House of Commons shall continue for more than five years it was not meant that a government that had lost the confidence of the people should continue for that time," said Mr. King.

Mr. King said that Premier Bennett had come into office promising to end unemployment and to find markets for the farmers. After three years the people of Canada had "spoken in the only possible way they could", and in the by-elections in Ontario, with one exception, Liberal candidates had been returned. The one exception was a case where a minority candidate was elected due to a third party candidate, he said.

**Warns Against Third Party**

"Let me warn you against this third party business," said Mr. King. "The business of third parties in this election is to make possible the return of a government that ought not to be returned.

"It is an effort to undermine the strength of a great political party that needs, for effective action, as large a majority as possible. Had we been in Great Britain and by-election after by-election had gone against the government, the prime minister would have said: 'The people are not in favor of my present policies. The people want to express their opinions anew.'

"That is the British principle and when you ignore that principle then we are on the highway to dictatorship and you see some of the things that exist under dictatorship in Europe to-day.

**"Have Five Years to Judge"**

"Five years ago Wednesday last I handed over the reins of government to Mr. Bennett. Well, the people of Canada have had an opportunity to judge.

"Talk of dictatorship, what have we got in Canada to-day? We have a government carrying on and making appointments, yet more than five years have gone by.

"We are told in the press that we may expect some announcement to-morrow and that the election may not be held until October. That runs over five years. That runs well into six years," said Mr. King.

"Is that playing the game?" asked the speaker. "I say it is robbing the people of their right to self-government, and in no uncertain way. If you send any member of such a government back into power, you have only yourselves to blame.

"You will get your chance to express yourselves, sometime after the end of this week because of a clause in the constitution. Immediately

after that we will have to have a pronouncement."