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A LOYAL CABINET.

"Your member has said many things which I might take as a compliment paid to myself. If in any particular the government has met the expectations of the people of the country, if we have succeeded in improving conditions since we took office, it is due to the fact that in the cabinet I have the most able and the most loyal men any prime minister ever had, and we all had behind us in the house of commons men of ability, integrity and industry and far superior to any who have ever sat in the parliament of Canada, and to their loyal, faithful support and advice in all pertaining to the country's affairs, Mr. Raymond, Mr. Rankin and others on this platform, and my good friend Dr. Sinclair have been the best of counselors and advisers, and have been trusted friends in all pertaining to the welfare of the party.

TRIBUTE TO DR. SINCLAIR.

I would take this occasion not only of thanking Dr. Sinclair for the help he has been to the government and, to myself, but I would take this occasion to thank you for sending to parliament so able a servant as your member. Men in public life are talented in various directions. Some have the gift of utterance; some are modest, and some, the best of all, are wise counsellors. Of the members of the house of commons, all on the Liberal side are agreed that no one is more conscientious or attentive or more watchful of the interests of his constituents, or who is better able to give counsel or advice in steering the ship of state than the member for North Oxford. A moment ago I heard Mrs. Sinclair say to the doctor, 'Now, look pretty.' If I had such a wife as the doctor, I would say, 'With so much beauty, it does not matter how I look.'

TRIBUTE TO WOMEN.

"In expressing my appreciation of the great help given to the government by the members of the house, it is only fitting that I should speak of the help which comes to us from those of the gentler sex who are associated with them and who are with us at Ottawa a great deal. Mrs. Sinclair is the best of help-mates any man could be blessed with, Miss Rankin is at Ottawa a great deal, and is at all times a

source of inspiration and a power to Dr. Rankin. And Mrs. Raymond—I wish our privilege might be yours, to see her from the moment the house opens till it closes, waiting to accompany this grand old man home

**DR. D. J. SINCLAIR.**

M.P. for North Oxford, who introduced Premier King to the vast audience at yesterday's Liberal picnic at Southside Park.

at the end of the debates. They are fighters, heroines, and are playing their part in politics in a thousand ways. These women are helping to make possible what we are doing."

A voice in the audience: "What's the matter with you?"

Mr. King: "What is the matter with me? When my friend undertakes to manage the affairs of a nation he will not try to meddle in other people's affairs. But my day is not past. Let us keep a record and see who gets ahead."

"But you came here not to listen to pleasantries, but to a discussion of the questions and problems before the country. There are great problems. At no time in the history of Canada have the people been confronted with problems equal to those we have today."

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