

Under the heading 'Plant Will Close If King Elected.' Mr. O'Brien says the doors of the Renfrew Machinery Company would close if Mr. King were elected. I read from the report of the meeting," Mr. King added, reading as follows from a clipping in his hand:

"We have the assurance of Mr. King and our South Renfrew Liberal candidate, Dr. J. J. McCann, that the tariff protection will be removed. Under this protection we are able to make an uphill fight and when we are beginning to see our way more clearly Mr. King pledges himself to remove tariff protection on textiles and farm implements. With the removal of tariff protection, we cannot compete with foreign manufacturers.'

"I ask the people of Canada, have I anywhere stated I intended to take away all protection on industry? What I said I would do was that I would cut down the high tariffs which are stifling and strangling trade and do it immediately and in accordance with what the Liberal platform states. Governments under Laurier and governments of which I have had the honour to be the head, have taken care and will take care to see that all reasonable arguments would be presented with respect to adjustments made. I also intend to take care of the needs of the consumers. Only by means of export trade can we hope to carry on. We have got to exchange goods. We will carry on and negotiate trade treaties with those nations who care to see what we can do. We will do it as reasonable men; we are not out to create unemployment, we are out to cure unemployment. Plant to close, that's a fine thing!"

When Deputy Minister

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