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I will not go into details about the above four major criticisms except to say that, in all cases, the people with whom I have talked, blame the Liberal Party for trying to handle these vital problems entirely from the standpoint of selfish political advantage. The criticism is that the Liberals have not made decisions and acted honestly in the country's interests, but rather in the Liberal Party's interests.

Criticisms of the governments Conscription policy (or lack of it) is the same in Ontario, the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia.

Underlying all criticisms of the Liberal Party is an almost universal dislike for Mackenzie King, its leader. This hostility towards the leader of the Party may often be unreasonable and unwarranted, nevertheless it is a fact. Mackenzie King is personally blamed for everything which is considered to be wrong about the government's policies or actions.

Suggested remedies

I do not feel competent to suggest any remedies to correct the situations which have caused these criticisms. I do think, however, that it would be a mistake for the government to temper with things now in an effort to correct what many people believe to have been the mistakes of the past because I do not think the Liberal Party will get any credit for doing this.

Platform for next election

The issue which will be decided at the next election will be whether or not Canada will become a socialist state with a CCF government.

This issue will be forced on the Liberal Party by the CCF Party.

Therefore, the platform on which the Liberal Party should now be working for the next election - if the Party hopes to win or come even close to winning - must be -- Free Enterprise versus Socialism.
