

or two about the recent election. Before I forget to do so may I at once say to the members of the Progressive Conservative party in this constituency and to the members of the C. C. F. party in this constituency who have kindly indicated that they do not intend to offer opposition to my election when the day of election comes around, how very deeply obliged I feel to them. I thank them most heartily for this expression of their friendship and good-will. I feel as though I should not say anything again against either the Tories or members of the C.C.F., but I am going to wait until the election is over before I do say anything. I will say this: If they all continue to do as well for the rest of the time they will find me most agreeable.

I do wish that we might have more of this kind of thing in our public life. I think you will agree with me that while I have not hesitated to speak my mind on the questions of the day I have never found it necessary to descend into personalities. I have never found it necessary to speak ill of my opponents. I mean by that, to say the kind of things that one hears said about men in public life at the time of general elections. That does not help to make a country great, but it does help to demean the man who descends to that kind of thing.

I hope, ladies and gentlemen, as the years go by we may begin to consider more and more simply the issues and questions and never mind personalities. They will tell their own story as the days go by.