

That the status of the worker has been in these years improved there, is, I think, no doubt; his means of education, his chance of recreation, the safety of his craft, the regularity of his employment, the general standard of his living, all these things are better, though there is still much to be done. In this work the labor organizations have undoubtedly played an important part. It would have been better for the world, in my opinion, better for the wage earner and better for every class, if attention had been given sooner to helping the lot of the low wage toiler; there was more to be done for him by concerted action, more to be done by the state than people thought there was. That was true of every country in the world, and it is true to-day.

What is the best way to make further progress? It is by steady determined movement along the same lines that have brought results in the past - by exposing the facts, and educating public opinion, by loyalty to your organization, subordinated to that higher loyalty to country which alone gives your organization respect and power.....These are the methods and the only methods that have in the past brought advance without reaction.

The Government of this country has steadfastly set its face against the influences abroad in this and other lands that aim to destroy respect for constituted lawful authority, civil and religious liberty, property rights and family relations. The Government of Canada does intend that labor organizations conducted sanely and reasonably will command and receive its friendly co-operation, and so conducted, they will command and receive the respect of the public.... Guard and honor the integrity of your organizations, win by merits the respect and confidence of public opinion and you cannot fail of reward."

With the views and utterances of both party leaders respecting labor policy thus outlined authentically from written record, the public and especially the wage earner who are most vitally concerned may be aided in reaching conclusions in their own minds as to which best merits their confidence and support.

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Such were the fears of Mr. King that labor unions might obtain recognition from employers, and ~~such~~ ~~were~~ the methods ~~that~~ he proposed should be adopted to prevent ~~their accomplishing~~ their purposes.

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