

co-operation between all classes. They have not been content to wait till the war is won to try to have organized Labour become the wing of a political party. They openly profess that this is their aim, and they are using the circumstances of war to effect that end. The leaders of the Canadian Congress of Labour have already announced their acceptance of this alliance. To strengthen this very questionable alliance while the war is on, the C.C.F. have been taking advantage of every irritation and grievance it is possible for them to exploit. The very controls which, in war-time, are necessary to protect Labour, in common with the entire community, are cited as evidence of the government's hostility.

#### A Word to Labour

Let me say to Labour that, for some years before 1900, when I entered the public service to assist in the organization of a Federal Department of Labour, and became the Deputy Minister and, later, in 1909, the Minister of that department, and in all the years that have since intervened, I have watched, with an interest, second to none in my life, the steady advance of Labour into a fuller recognition of its rights and dignity. I have been interested in its struggle for economic freedom because I believe Labour represents, in its aims and aspirations, the yearnings and feelings of the poor, the humble, and the lowly in their struggle against poverty and adversity,