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The Leader of the Opposition

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Electoral reform;
A balanced budget through reducing public expenditures, reducing interest rates, reducing taxes and increasing revenue by encouraging trade;

Peace and goodwill in international affairs;

A more equitable distribution of wealth with greater regard for human needs, for social justice and the promotion of the common good.

Tendencies of Fascism.

Mr. King saw tendencies of Fascism in the way Prime Minister R. B. Bennett made promises and announced policies without consulting the members of his party or even his cabinet. Hon. H. H. Stevens had followed the same course when he announced he would form a party and announce its name and platform later. Ordinarily in democratic countries the people formed the party and the party chose a leader, but Mr. Stevens had reversed the process. He had filled in the interval between announcements by going through every political program he could find with scissors and pastepot.

Mere political power, however, was no guarantee a policy of promises could be carried out, Mr. King said. A policy had to be backed by a political party which understood it and by a force of public opinion.

The Liberal policy represented the consensus of agreed views of Liberals and Liberal organizations in every part of Canada. It was the minimum of united effort to which the party was pledged. More venturesome members of the party could make other proposals which would be added to the party's program as these members were able to persuade others of their wisdom.