

the country the opportunity to say to which party it wished to entrust the administration of the nation's affairs. From that time to the present, with the exception of a little over five years out of the last twenty-two, a Liberal administration has been in office in Canada. In the last two parliaments, the present administration has commanded a larger majority than that enjoyed by any government since Confederation. This is an expression of confidence which, also, I am anxious to acknowledge tonight. It is a debt which, on behalf of the Liberal Party of Canada, I wish to acknowledge with gratitude to the people of Canada. It is a record of which all present, and members of the party everywhere, may indeed be proud.

Confidence in the administration continues.

Within the past few weeks, there are some who have begun to assert that the present administration no longer enjoys the confidence of the country. I am not one of those who hold that view. Did I hold such a view, I would regard it as my constitutional duty to ask His Excellency the Governor General for an immediate dissolution

of Parliament.