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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LIBERALISM

An Address
by the

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to the
Liberal Club

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St. John's Newfoundland

1. RESURGENCE OF LIBERALISM IN NEWFOUNDLAND

It has been a great experience for me to visit Newfoundland and to see at first hand the re-birth of the Liberal Party in this Province. No one who has talked to as many citizens of Newfoundland as I have done within the past few days can have any doubt that Premier Smallwood in the provincial field and the Honourable Gordon Bradley in the federal field will be successful in achieving enthusiastic support for Liberal administrations.

The 20th Federal Parliament has now ended its fourth and last year of service -- the four most prosperous and most memorable years in all of Canada's history. The Government now led so ably by Prime Minister St Laurent is asking you to endorse its policies and to indicate your belief in all its great programs for the future. In looking back over these four years of achievement -- in a period which included the end of the war in Europe and in Asia, the difficult period of reconstruction after the war and Canada's unparalleled post-war prosperity -- we give special place to one event of which every Canadian can be proud: the entry of this historic country of Newfoundland into union with Canada.

As a member of the Canadian Government and as a Canadian citizen let me extend to all the citizens of Newfoundland a warm welcome into this larger fellowship. Canada is proud to have you as a partner and Canadians are proud to have their citizenship shared with yours.

In union together, in high resolve, let us now go forward to the great future that we can shape together. Let us go forward, in the spirit of Liberalism, in search of a way of life that will be unrivalled in this world.

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