

I see in the immediate future an unparalleled opportunity for a strong and united political party, to establish and carry through measures of social reform and social justice which cannot fail to be of lasting benefit to our own generation and to generations to come. I need not tell you what my interest has been in the well-being of the people throughout the whole of my life. I should like, before its close, to help to add one more chapter to the already long list of Liberal achievements in social reform. I should like to see established in our country, before I die, what may honestly be referred to as a national minimum standard of human well-being for all. I should like to see more in the way of social justice. I should like to see established among the nations of the world a sure and firm foundation for the maintenance of world peace.

If real progress is to be made towards these great ends, it will be accomplished only by a party in parliament which is truly representative of all the provinces of Canada. It can only be accomplished by a party which has a majority in the House of Commons sufficiently strong to be independent of all other parties. If the authority of government is to achieve anything in the way of ^{progress} ~~progress~~