

It is a basic principle of Liberalism that all its policies should make for national unity. That unity, Liberals believe, cannot be achieved unless the party itself is nationwide in its organization and membership. Its strength may vary from province to province. Its fortunes may fluctuate from time to time. What is important, however, is that the same principles and policies should be advocated by the party in each and every province, and that the party's outlook should, at all times, be national, not provincial nor local.

The general interest - another basic principle.

Another fundamental principle of Liberalism is that the party's policies should serve the general interest rather than particular interests. In all Liberal policies, class interests must be subordinated to the interests of the community.

Liberalism recognizes that we are all members one of another, and that, for this reason, the liberty of each is circumscribed by the liberty of all. It recognizes equally that, in the long run, the good of all is the good of each.

Giving to this principle its immediate and practical application, let me say that the Liberal Party in Canada exists to serve the interests of the people as a whole, not the interest of any particular class or group in the country, or of any particular section of the country. This, too, is an essential of national unity.