

I have chosen as the theme of my Address this evening "Liberalism" as a subject appropriate at all times, but particularly appropriate at a National Assembly of Liberal Women.

I feel that I cannot do better than redirect your attention to those underlying principles and policies which form the foundation of the faith that is in us. It may seem superfluous to discuss a subject upon which so much has been said in past years. Yet I cannot but believe that the increasing complexity of politics renders a discussion of this kind from time to time not only desirable but necessary, if we are to shape our future course in accordance with an informed and reasoned political faith.

I shall speak more particularly of the underlying principles of Liberalism, their practical application in the past and their bearing upon present and future problems, with a reference as well to the past and present position of the Liberal Party in Canada. It is of Liberalism as a characteristic note in an evolution of thought that I wish first to speak.

Political evolution is very largely the story of the evolution of freedom. In the evolution of freedom we witness throughout a struggle of two contending principles,

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