

be guided by the wise words of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and take care that having fought for the freedom of the world, having crushed out Kaiserism we shall not countenance it, in any form in our own midst.

There was one utterance that I heard fall from the lips of Samuel Gompers in the Monument National the other night that particularly impressed me. It was this: "Having fought for freedom and democracy abroad we do not propose to lose them at home." These are words which, it seems to me, should be kept in mind for future guidance by every Canadian as well as every American. I speak not of the present, Gentlemen. In the stress and strain of war times, when the safety of the state must be the paramount consideration, things may be permitted which would not be and should not be tolerated for one moment under normal conditions. Let us, when the time comes, see that they are not.

It has been well observed that there is now a very large number of people, who are not afraid, as formerly, of the implication of democracy but who are prepared to accept it fully as a basis for political action. But on the other hand there are those who, though they pay lip service to democracy, are in point of fact the defenders of privilege, vested interests, social distinctions and autocracy. Sooner or later the two doctrines must come to grips. The time is near ripe. Reconstruction, if it means anything at all means the democratization of our national community. But we may rest assured that democracy will not be reached in a fit of absent mindedness or through the mere clash of interests, nor will it emerge as the result of some mysterious unconscious evolution; it will be realized ultimately only by those to whom democracy has become a living faith, consciously striving to realize it through common action upon a common policy.

That, Gentlemen, is the splendid mission in which you, in which in fact all true patriotic Canadians are called upon to cooperate. The great historic Canadian Liberal party must go forth conquering and to conquer for democracy. As there will be a new age there must be a