

opportunity was thrown away to carry on into the peace-time period the full momentum of our wartime effort.

As the then Prime Minister of Canada said as he opened the Conference in August, 1945:

"To be worthy of Canada's wartime achievement, to be worthy, above all, of the sacrifice of human life, let us resolve to work together to make Canada the land of everwidening opportunities for all our people, regardless of origin, class or of religion, the best land on earth in which to work and to live."

Let me at this time appeal to the men that made agreement impossible a few years ago. Let me ask them how in the face of the world's developing crisis they can stand out against these social advances in Canada to strengthen our stand against Communism and all that it means to the enslaved peoples of the world. It is not too late for agreement -- it is never too late for progress. Let us keep before our minds that we should have one common objective: to serve - not a political party - but the people of Canada.

It is true that there are provincial rights; it is true that they must be respected. But what right has any province or any person to ignore individual rights? How can provincial rights be confused with provincial authority and autonomy? What right has any province to be poor in a rich federation? What right has any province to be rich and unmindful of its less fortunate neighbours?

Let me, in closing, remind you of the parallel program of Liberalism in Canada:

1. To increase the efficiency and productivity of our system by providing the maximum of opportunity for individual initiative, while setting limits of responsibility to all enterprise.
2. To guarantee every citizen a chance for a reasonable level of security against such imbalances of our economic system as unemployment, and against such hazards of life as sickness, accident and old age.

Under such a program we can press forward together -- in the fellowship of Liberal administrations in Ottawa and in St. John's -- we can press forward towards every brighter horizons of human welfare and human happiness. For this is the adventure of the dynamic Liberal idea for democratic government -- to shape new programs for new problems -- never to be satisfied with present advances -- and never to be afraid of the future.

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