

The danger of a multiplicity of parties.

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A multiplicity of parties has proven a misfortune in all countries where they have existed. Under democratic government, party organization is the one sure method by which the majority can give effect to its will. A multiplicity of parties tends to bring down the whole structure of responsible political organization, and to weaken the nation itself. That, as we all know, was the misfortune of France at the beginning of the war. Let us beware of repeating a like folly in our own land. What is needed in Canada is not a confusion of political parties which tend to set class against class, and province against province. What Canada needs are parties which serve to unite its people and its provinces as one nation from coast to coast. Such a party we have in the Liberal Party of Canada today. Let us guard that heritage.

Unity - a basic principle of Liberalism.

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The basic principles of the Liberal party may be summed up in the words: Unity, Security, Freedom. To maintain national unity and to strive for world unity; to extend social security and to co-operate for international security; to defend and to extend the frontiers of freedom; these are the fundamental aims of the Liberal party.