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**Opposes National Govt.**

"That is why, amongst other changes which are being advocated today, I am opposed to the move-

ment in favor of a so-called national government, either as desirable at the moment or as something to be effected in the course of the next Parliament. Rightly understood, I believe national government to be but another form of dictatorship, the most subtle of all, perhaps, because its name and its pretensions are so plausible.

"I do not doubt the sincerity of many of those who are its advocates, but, with all due respect to those who are not advocating it, as undoubtedly some are, from ulterior motives, I do doubt their understanding of government, and of the value of freedom of discussion, of argument, and reason and persuasion, as being of the very essence of our parliamentary system.

**Last Desperate Effort.**

"Traced to its source—the source that is financing the present movement—it will, I believe, be found that the demand for national government is a last desperate effort on the part of certain persons, enjoying privileges denied to others, to deal with the railways, the tariffs and taxation in a manner which will serve to further their own special interests.

"Under the guise of submerging partisanship, and gaining political unity for public service, it would seek to do, by a combination of parties, things for which no single party would dare to ask public approval. In plain English, national government, if established at this time, would sacrifice democracy to serve the ends of plutocracy.

"In my next two addresses, I shall have more to say of this tendency in the direction of dictatorship and of the effort to silence all those who dare to differ with their neighbors in opinion; more of monopoly, regimentation, and compulsion. I shall set out in such detail as my time will permit, the policies of the Liberal party, and its position with respect to present day problems.

**Must Repudiate Tendency**

"My purpose tonight has been to make it clear that, in the opinion of the party, the first step towards permanent recovery or reform in Canada must be the decisive repudiation by the Canadian electorate of the tendencies towards dictatorship manifested during the last five years, and an equally decisive repudiation of measures, by whatever party they may be advocated, which tend in the direction of Hitlerism, Fascism, or Communism. In Canada, we want, and we need, none of these.

"What we want and need, above all else, is an entirely different spirit in all matters of government than the one to which we have been obliged to grow accustomed; not the spirit of the autocrat, at home and abroad, but the spirit of brotherhood, in seeking the solution of our domestic problems, and the spirit of neighborhood in our relations with other nations. We have been living too much under a reign of terror.

"Instead of blasting our way, which we have been doing for the past five years, let us pursue our way, doing unto others as we would have them do unto us. It is a wholly different method, but surely it is the one which, above all others, will best answer our own and the world's need."