

(8) A Canadian economy instead of provincial. Unity among provinces.

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At the meeting held on Saturday morning assistance was asked for in connection with the present political situation, I offered the suggestion that a Liberal set-up be organized immediately throughout Canada, somewhat along the lines of Financial Federation - that is, to set up provincial chairmen and committees, through which sub-chairmen and sub-committees could be appointed throughout each province.

If such an organization was set up, each group could organize the business men of its province to assist in their efforts, particularly with their own employees.

I am more than ever convinced that this thought is sound and should be put into operation for the following reasons:

(1) I am told that there has not been a Liberal Convention for 24 years, which represent practically the average normal business life of a man. Now, I believe there is some plan underway to call a meeting or convention of some kind under the direction of Mr. Norman McLarty in the near future. What the Liberal party need, in my opinion, are leaders of the type of the late Sir Henry Thornton who know how to get down to the level of the people on the street and capture their imagination. The Liberal Party should have such a National chairman, and then each province should try to secure the services of a similar type of leader or organizer as Provincial Chairman.

Again, at Saturday's meeting I quoted as an example Alberta, where I am told there has not been an official Liberal leader during the past five-year period.

I also suggested at the Saturday morning meeting that the Liberal party could now take the stand that they had been devoting their entire efforts to the winning of the war, and one of the best means of justifying this stand would be to arrange for certain releases in United States publications which could be picked up and re-published in Canadian papers. Already there has been a number of expressions of opinion of this nature, and I believe that even Mr. Roosevelt paid a great tribute to Canada's war effort within the last few weeks.