

precedent or to privilege or to the past. It is a state in which human energies are free and where science is made subject to man's needs. It is a state in which man is always the master, and the state always the servant.

Now that Canada's prosperity is at record levels the very wealth of this country is a challenge to government to ensure that every citizen willing and able to work is given an opportunity for a decent standard of life and that decent provision is made for the very young and the very old and for all who are unable to provide a living for themselves.

The wealth of this country is also the challenge to every province to cooperate in so sharing the advantages of fellowship in our federation that no part of this country that contributes to the nation's prosperity will fail to participate in it.

A guarantee for national prosperity is nation-wide security. The best way to encourage the people of Canada to produce abundantly is to ensure that they share in the wealth that they help to create. The conviction of Mr. St. Laurent's Government is that social justice is the surest guide to government action. For, after all, social security gives substance to freedom. In our land no man should be free to sink or swim, with the state indifferent to his fate. No man should be free to go hungry, no man should be free to be made subservient to any system -- whether free enterprise or slave enterprise.

3. POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO SOCIAL SECURITY

I have emphasized the importance of social security to government policy because I am convinced that this is essential to the development of any nation today. I am equally convinced that any political party that does not believe in this development is not deserving of public confidence. No party that gives only lip service to the concept of social security is worthy of becoming a government. No government that fails to keep abreast of the developing needs of its citizens deserves to be kept in power.

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