

When I talk of Liberal measures for social security, I do not mean "platform promises" or "manifesto measures" -- I mean action to care for more than a quarter of a million aged and blind Canadians; I mean action to protect the worker from the loss of his job; I mean vast sums invested in Canada's children through Family Allowances; I mean progressive labour laws; I mean the guarantee of good prices for farmer and fisherman; and a federal program for national health and national welfare that will not be equalled in this world.

Tonight, I cannot review all the great measures for the health and well-being of our people that have been brought in by Liberal administrations. Two statements, however, I made in a national broadcast last week have gone unchallenged as they so simply and so significantly summarize the magnificent record of this party:

(1) In the federal field there is no major measure for social security that has not been brought in by a Liberal administration.

(2) In the provincial field, from 2/3 to 3/4 of all social security measures have been enacted by Liberal administrations.

From my conversations with you, I understand that in this province also the Liberal Party has been the party of reform and that most of the remedial legislation on the statute books of Newfoundland was put there by Liberal administrations.

6. MAJOR LIBERAL MEASURES FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

Tonight I shall confine my remarks to the major acts for health and social welfare that I, as Minister of the federal Department of National Health and Welfare, have the honour to administer. All of these measures, I am glad to announce are now in effect in Newfoundland:

(a) Old Age Pensions and Pensions for the Blind

In 1926 a Liberal Government brought in the first old age pensions measure. This was decisively defeated by Tory Senators. The following year, in spite of this opposition, the measure again was introduced and over Tory opposition, it became law. As a result

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