

All this federal activity in health is in striking contrast with the behaviour of the Tory Government that in the years from 1930 to 1935 reduced federal health expenditures by 44%, and discontinued the only considerable federal health grant given at that time.

A few weeks ago, Mr. Drew suggested that the National Health Program is also a sort of pre-election bribe. I am sure that everyone will feel a little uneasy that Mr. Drew must search back to the files on his attack on Family Allowances for an insult strong enough to use against the National Health Program.

5. FUTURE PROGRAMS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

No one who considers the social advances of the past twenty years can doubt that tremendous strides have been made in this country towards social security for our people. From time to time, Mr. Drew and others have criticized one or other social measures of the present and of previous Liberal administrations as "pre-election bribes". I now challenge Mr. Drew to name any year from 1945 to 1949 in which the present Liberal administration has not made such strides towards social justice that its opponents could have called them "election bribes" -- if any by-election, provincial or federal election was on the horizon at that time!

I suggest that the people of this country judge governments not by what they do in their last year of office but what they do year after year. In entrusting their confidence to Liberal administrations, the people of Canada have shown year after year that they like the way in which Liberal Governments have directed the destinies of this country. People are not easily fooled. They judge the promises of political parties by the behaviour of these parties.

Platform promises of social security must be more than mere concessions to the pressure of public opinion. It is an insult to the intelligence of the people of this country to propose -- as two political parties have done -- enormous increases in government expenditures on the one hand while promising very drastic cuts in taxation on the other. This is a vain attempt to delude the people. But in the long run the people are not easily deluded. The people of Canada know that social security for the people comes from the people. They know that

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