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It is simply a means of getting even with a leader who has opposed him and I must say that I am amazed with the course Mr. Stevens has taken. He may feel bitter toward Mr. Bennett, but what about his other colleagues? What about the great Conservative party which, after all, made him what he is? There is such a thing as gratitude in public life. I admire that independence of spirit which will assert itself when there is some great principle at stake, but when you think of it, Mr. Stevens was a defeated Conservative at the last election. He did not have a seat and his leader, the Prime Minister, got some one to give him a seat and as Leader of the Liberal party, I asked our friends not to oppose him, for I thought Mr. Bennett needed all the Cabinet material likely to help him at that time.

He came into politics without opposition after he had been defeated and kept on ever since with the Conservative party.

What I want to bring home is this, that when you are thinking of the situation this country is in today, how we are going to be led out of the situation, how we are going to improve conditions, don't imagine that a party that owes its origin to a decision of that kind is going to be able to succeed. A house divided against itself is sure to fail. (Applause). There is nothing making for surer destruction of the House represented by the Conservative party than what is taking place at the present time.

It is all right for Mr. Stevens to call himself a Reconstruction party, but I tell him he is going the wrong way in making that particular attempt. (Applause).

### Social Credit Party

You will always see third parties spring out of periods of depression when you have a Conservative administration. There is the Social Credit party in Alberta. The Social Credit party, we are told, are going to put candidates in the field in Alberta. What originated that party? Just exactly the same kind of thing. When there have been hard times and in the stress of existing times, a man tells the people he has found a cure. I am for letting it have the best chance possible, but I do not think it would be wise to try that experiment in two fields at the same time. I do not think it would be wise to experiment in Alberta and in Ottawa at the same time. If it

gives the people what it purports it is going to do, if every man and woman going to receive \$25.00 a month from the state, and those who are younger going to receive a little less, if that thing is going to succeed it won't be long before all will want to belong to that party.

### Tory Promises

But don't forget the numerous promises made last time by Mr. Bennett. Don't forget the promises Mr. Stevens is making. When it becomes necessary for political leaders to hold out to the public what is equivalent to bribes with respect to money that has to be paid for out of their own pockets. Don't forget that the \$25 will come ultimately out of the pockets of the people themselves. Taxation is the only way in the end you can meet the situation, if you don't discover some cure-all that the world has not known up to the present. It is not a patriotic thing to promise you are going to do this and that when it has to come out of the people themselves. I have never done that kind of thing and I never intend to. I don't intend to do it now. I have been saying that certain policies will bring about certain results. I believe in them. I have watched how they worked in the past and I know how they will work in the future. With regard to Mr. Bennett's policies, we said they were wrong and they have led exactly where we said they would lead. (Applause).

Now I believe we can take that and apply it with equal force to the people of Canada. We know what certain policies have succeeded in doing in the past; we see no reason why they should not do the same thing again.

### The 1919 Period

I come more closely again to the 1919 period to show you just how history repeats itself and how things will work out. I have made it clear that history does repeat itself, in the fact that when you have a Conservative administration you have a time of great spending which ultimately leads to depression in the end, and you have also the rise of third parties.