

now virtually ceased to exist. What remains of it has reverted to the reactionary tendencies of the days of Allan Macnab, when as you know, the moderate or Liberal-Conservatives under Macnab's young and brilliant lieutenant, John A. Macdonald and the moderate Reformers of Lower Canada under Morin and Cartier revolted against the illiberal and reactionary policy then dominant and united to form that great party, which under Macdonald and Cartier and other distinguished leaders rendered such signal service to the country and ever stood for justice, toleration and the supremacy of national principles. The historic party, that once boasted the leadership of such men as Macdonald, Cartier and Tupper is now as you all know but the shadow of its former self. In the flux of the times the great and historic Liberal party, the party of those illustrious reformers Papineau, LaFontaine, Morin and Baldwin the party of Mackenzie and Blake and Wilfrid Laurier, has also undergone a transformation. Was not the great trouble with the Liberal party in recent years that there were too many reactionaries in its ranks, real Tories masquerading as Liberals, men who were either serving their own interests or the interests of their masters rather than the interests of the people, who were more closely allied with special privilege than with democracy and true liberalism? The recent purging process has to a large extent rid the party of this element and coming events will undoubtedly complete the reformation until we have a pure, undefiled liberalism with which all the democratic forces in the nation and especially that force which will be the great power of the future — the labor element — can cooperate.

As the result of those transformations similar elements of both of the old parties have found their proper *habitat* and their natural alliances. When the war is over, when Kaiserism is crushed, when the safety of the state, which must now, of course, be the paramount consideration, is assured, there will be other developments and sooner or later and more likely sooner than later will Liberalism, Canadianism and Reform be found at death