

one objected to the Government taking over this plant with a view to increasing production, but there is considerable criticism because the Government gave no assurance that when peace came again the company would be handed back to its private owners; nor has there been any assurance that the crown companies will not offer peacetime competition to private enterprise.

I have no doubt that if one were to search through Hansard he would find statements by Mackenzie King stating that he was in favour of private enterprise. I am just as sure that statements could be found where he has indicated that private enterprise should go. It is high time that the Government get off the fence and indicate its course in this respect clearly and unmistakably.

Many of us would also be interested in a positive statement from the Government as to what has been done by the James Committee and other groups set up to investigate post-war problems.

It would be of intense interest to have a clear statement from the Government as to its post-war foreign policy, inasmuch as this will affect the future of many of the industries that have increased plant capacity for wartime production.

As was pointed out the other day, the average age of the members of Parliament is rather high. Has the Liberal party done anything to encourage the development of a younger, more vigorous and more colourful group of politicians? After all, Mackenzie King is not like the Mississippi - he cannot keep rolling forever!

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Situation in Quebec

A recent tour shows the political situation normal in this way.

- 1 - Many Quebec voters are longing for the day when they will be able to vote against the Liberals.
- 2 - Political groups which are most active - Le Bloc and the C.C.F. - are capitalizing on this and making their own programmes almost secondary.
- 3 - Many localities seem to have grouches particular to themselves.