

4. WATCHWORDS OF LIBERALISM

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(a) Unity

The Liberal Party has three watchwords: Unity, Security and Freedom. The mortar of Canadian Unity is tolerance, mutual respect and mutual understanding between all the ten provinces that make up this great nation of ours. Respect for provincial rights and provincial autonomy are basic requirements for the development of provincial self-sufficiency and self-respect, and these, let us not forget, are the sturdy building blocks of this nation.

Let us not forget that Liberalism in Canada was born out of protest against the oppression of minority rights. It is in the nature of Liberalism to defend as we have always defended the rights of the individual provinces. For Liberalism has always been the party that has stood most firmly for the rights of all the provinces. Liberalism has also stood most strongly for Canadian unity -- not the tame confederation of weak parts but the strength of province with province, race with race, and creed with creed -- all welded into a single strong nation securely linked because its parts are strong.

In the interests of Canadian Unity, it is a matter of pride to us all that it has been the good fortune and the privilege of a Liberal Government in Ottawa to have the honour of opening our Canadian Confederacy to our old and respected friend and neighbour, Newfoundland. This Province can contribute mightily to a greater Canada in which the people of Newfoundland as citizens of Canada, must share in full measure.

(b) Security

The next outstanding characteristic of Liberalism is Security. For us security has a double meaning -- the security we enjoy as citizens of Canada and of the company of nations and banded together and prepared to keep the peace within the Atlantic Pact. It also means the security we enjoy under the protection of political philosophy that puts Freedom first -- social, economic and political freedom.

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