

Freedoms gained and to be won

In Canada, we are happily free from many of the fears which in other lands circumscribe security and freedom. We have freedom of speech and of the press; we have religious freedom; we have freedom of assembly; we have freedom from arbitrary arrest and imprisonment; we are free to choose and change our governments. We did not always have these freedoms. To defend personal freedom, religious freedom, political freedom will always remain a first duty of Liberals. A no less important duty which Liberalism demands of its followers is that they strive without ceasing to extend the frontiers of freedom.

Social and economic objectives

While some of the old fears have disappeared or lessened, other fears have made their presence more strongly felt. Next to the fear of war, the great fears in men's minds today are social and economic fears. The fear of unemployment; the fear of sickness, accident and disability; the fears that come with the death of the breadwinner; the fear of poverty in old age; the fear for the home and the family; these are the great fears born of modern industrialism, subject, as it has been, to the recurrent dangers of inflation and depression. Until these fears are removed, complete freedom will not have been achieved.

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