

party in the Prairie Provinces. We have made no inroad into a solid Quebec. The Maritimes are in a state of flux, ready to support a Government that will seriously consider and help them in their difficulties. I believe it will be a mistake to plan for the work of the party in the hope that it will speedily return to power. There is the same prosaic need of education that there was in 1896. Progress established through constructive planning will not come through the conventional machine. There will always be a machine, and the pity of it is that so few of us share in its work, or help to keep under control the elements which make it objectionable. You will not secure inspiration from the machine, or leadership which will accomplish what you seek, but it will give needed support to new and larger men if they possess personality and power.

I have been a Protectionist since 1878, but I do not believe in protection as a cure-all. I have had intimate association with manufacturers for fifty years. Many of the troubles from which they suffer can be remedied, as most of our troubles are remedied, through betterments which can be established by capably performed work, wholly under their own control. Further protection should be the last, not the first remedy. It was readjustment which we needed, not "brick-for brick", or anything resembling it. The alliance between the Conservative party and the manufacturers has arisen from two causes - the conviction of the party that protection as a policy was sound, and the dependence upon the manufacturers as a chief source for partyfunds. I believe the latter has unduly influenced the party, and the failure to establish some constructive