

Canadian National Railways as it exists today.

I might refer to the social legislation, to the fact that it was a Liberal government that established in our country a Department of Labour, enacted the anti-sweating legislation, the prevention of industrial disputes by a system of conciliation and investigation, a system of government annuities, made provision for old age pensions, all of which measures have served to bring to the working people of our land a wider measure of security against the hazards of industrial life.

In the realm of interimperial and international affairs, the Liberal Party has, within the present century carried into the field of our external relations the logical development of self-government for which Liberalism fought in Canada so vigorously and so triumphantly in the last century. It was under a Liberal administration that the International Joint Commission was established to settle differences as they might arise along the international frontier by the appeal to reason rather than the appeal to force, an institution which today is being held up as an example alike to the nations of Europe and of the Orient as the best method of preventing and adjusting international differences. We have gained recognition as a nation of the right to make our own treaties, gained recognition of the equality of status of our country with that of Britain herself, and we have established in foreign lands

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