

The City of Winnipeg today fills a unique place in our Canadian nation. In addition to its great commercial importance in terms of rail and air connections with many parts of the continent, it has become, in many aspects of its corporate life, a meeting-place for the many racial strains which have combined to create a solid Canadian citizenry.

The fortunes of the City of Winnipeg are shared, in greater or lesser degree, by many thousands of persons throughout Western Canada. On this significant occasion, people from all parts of Canada will join in extending to the officers and members of the Winnipeg Board of Trade the warmest of congratulations upon its completion of sixty years of useful service. They will, in addition, wish for it in the future an ever-broadening sphere of usefulness in contributing to the civic welfare. Speaking from Ottawa tonight, I am happy to add my personal word of greeting to all of those who may be assembled at the Celebration, and to express my hope that the Winnipeg Board of Trade may go on from strength to strength.