

You have broken two centuries of silence. You have been experiencing a renewal for the past twenty years. Yours is indeed a society that is on the move. The third millenium is at the door. It gives me pleasure to think that Acadian society is preparing for it in a resolute manner, not without a flexible attitude that harmonizes with the spirit of the age, and with an intensity that is in all respects equal to the rigour of modern science and to the quiet determination of your ancestors.

On behalf of my colleagues Mr. LeBlanc, Dr. Fulton, Dr. Aubin and Dr. Bastarache, let me express our sincere congratulations to the graduating class, and again, our profound admiration for the authorities of the University. My thanks to each and every one of you.