

special relationship in its scale and intimacy, but perhaps less so in the sense of demanding special arrangements to ensure that it functions well.

What in essence is the choice? It favours setting a goal - a less vulnerable economy and culture - and devising means to reach it, as opposed to waiting upon events in the faith that their natural course serves Canadian interests. It favours a stronger national economy and culture, more self-reliant, more open to creative development by Canadians according to their own wishes. It favours enlisting government, business and labour in a co-operative national venture in which all must share. It favours widening the basis for co-operation between the federal government and the provinces. It says yes to close and self-respecting friendship with the United States but no to integration, no to narrow economic nationalism but yes to a Canadian economy better equipped to bargain with the United States and with others. It is the choice of national purpose, of consciously taking our fate into our own hands. I am convinced that this is the right time to choose and the right choice.