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### *Future of the Indians*

A welcome trend during the past few years has been an ever-increasing awareness on the part of the Indian people that their business largely within their own country. As a concrete illustration of this fact, more and more Indian bands have chosen to manage by themselves the funds committed for providing services to their members. This trend can be expected to continue and grow in the future, and will oblige the Federal Government and the Indian Provinces to co-operate in developing policies and programs to strengthen the native sense of individuality without, however, weakening the traditional sense of community.

Some people will see in this trend towards local governments by the Indian bands an "evolutionary and a separate, parallel evolution" that must be developed for the Indians' total object is to become self and equal members of the main society as a whole.

This aim will be achieved only if the Indians develop confidence and learn to manage their own community affairs in such a way that an equality of status with their fellow citizens can gradually materialize and they achieve full equality with their fellow citizens.

In a comparatively short time, Indian associations have been formed in every province and territory of Canada. These associations are trying to find the most effective ways to help their people, and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs is listening carefully to their opinions.