

STATEMENTS AND SPEECHES

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vadi was a new Notes for an Address by the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson, to the Canadian Society of New York, March 5, 1965.

In all this development, we wish to maintain the closest and In the past two years, Canada's economic performance has been good - and prospects for this year are equally good. In 1963 and 1964, our gross national product increased by a total of 14.6 per cent, to \$46.4 billion. In fact, our percentage increase was greater than yours.

On a per capita basis, and in terms of 1957 dollars, our increase was 6.8 per cent. Your per capita increase was 5.1 per cent. So we're catching up to your material standard of living. We may soon achieve your goal of two television sets in every room and a helicopter for every backcontinent. But just as it doesn't occur of atsalf, it can also be yard.

el imarely lost by unwise action of by caceless applects and solvent in On the political front, difficulties in building a strong, progressive and prosperous federal state, covering more than half a continent, are being faced. I should be the last to deny that these difficulties are as great and complex as have ever faced 20 million people. But they are being overcome. New opportunities are also being seized. conscious and continuous action to achieve it. It means also that, when the

d doelle the It is the first responsibility of the Government of Canada - as of any government - to ensure that our national purposes are achieved, that our economic and material progress is continued and that its benefits are spread as widely and as equitably as possible among all our people.

ew tent and In our country - as on this whole continent -, it is inadmissible that technological and other changes that have led to the affluent society in aggregate should exclude so many from that affluence.

The record is good, but we are on the threshold of even greater developments. drace shed and and the very shift at the order one the entertweeter by

in dated the variety of the capacity of the days of cour resulting the capacity of the capacit mos ers ew Ju Many of these are taking place in the vast space Canada occupies north of the main population centres of this continent, but they stretch from Atlantic to Pacific and right across the Arctic - from Labrador to the Alaskan Panhandle. Design and Viscous II applicated about primos noissuppose

other industrial country: Today, non-resident control, samost entirely These developments range from spectacular iron-ore discoveries on the Arctic Circle and in Baffin Island to active - and promising - oil exploration over areas in excess of 34 million acres off our three coasts.