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their descendants, and, as the years went by, welcoming into the all-embracing nationality the valiant and the humble of many races. May we not find a rekindling of the vision which enabled the fathers of our country, Providence being their guide, to build better than they knew? May we not find an assurance, which will carry in due season its own rich reward, that our own country, stretching from sea to sea, that Canada carries for all the world a message of friendship, of understanding, of hope?

All of these thoughts are in my mind as I speak of citizenship tonight. For citizenship is not a passing phase, nor any chance observance. It is a part of the very structure of our nation; and by the quality of our citizenship will our nation be judged and respected.

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