

I have in mind the Centenary of Confederation. It is appropriate to discuss this with you in a city which has figured so prominently in the achievements which this milestone represents.

On July 1, 1967 Canada will become a centenarian - a venerable age surely for a nation which has tended to think of itself only too frequently as a gawky adolescent. On that day Canadians will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the proclamation of the British North America Act and Canadians everywhere will mark this occasion, as they did in 1867, with festivities and the observances which befit an occasion of national rejoicing. I express the hope, however, that we will express our feelings in something more than band concerts, parades and fireworks, because an anniversary of this importance warrants I suggest something more than a big party with cake and streamers and noisemakers. Before I am branded an extreme Puritan, I hasten to express the hope that we will have these accoutrements of sober revelry, and that we will approach this event in a spirit of celebration. At the same time, an anniversary - and this one in particular - is a time for reassessment, a time for looking back with a critical eye, and forward in a constructive cast of mind.

In preparing for this great event, I forecast a significant part which the Canadian Clubs can - and I hope - will play. It is not too soon - I repeat, it is not too soon - to begin forthwith planning a programme not just for the anniversary year but for the years leading up to it. Let us now start on assessments and forecasts of past and future progress which must accompany such celebrations by a thoughtful people. Janus-like, we must look in both directions at once and our task is twofold in nature: we must be both historians and prospectors in making our plans. Studies prepared now, and discussions engaged in prior to the event can have for their aim the enhancement of our historical appreciation of the frontiers of the past, the thoughtful survey of the frontiers of our present and the prophetic shaping of our future.

May I stress again that I would lay a special emphasis on the horizons of the mind and spirit, as the key to understanding a nation's development. Psychology claims that it can open up new perspectives in understanding the individual mind, and the technical sciences can and are opening up new frontiers in the natural resources.

But the evolution of a nation, as a nation, is something more than the unfolding of a Freudian pattern in an individual just as it is something more than an accumulation of economic data, tables, charts and