

There is the possibility before us of creating here in the northern half of North America a society whose independence will be based on achievements (in particular, the achievement of creating a diversified, and modern and outward-looking society) rather than creating a narrow parochialism. That is, to my mind, the test which we have to apply to any particular proposal - does it strengthen Canadian independence by excluding and limiting others and denying fulfilment to ourselves? Or does it strengthen Canada by enriching the Canadian society positively - by taking a full and creative part in this changing and exciting world? That is the spirit in which I trust you will consider my programme for strengthening Canada's independence.

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