

The developed countries must also be prepared to open up their markets to a much wider extent than we have done in the past to the products of newly-established industries in developing countries. You are all familiar with the problem of preventing low-cost imports from disrupting our markets. We in Canada have a good record in working out co-operative arrangements with low-cost producers, and have provided a growing and substantial market for their products.

If all developed countries were more generous in their treatment of these low-cost imports, the burden on individual importing countries would be very slight when compared with the benefits for developing countries. The trading opportunities of all countries, both developed and underdeveloped, would be greatly increased.

It is evident that the problems of international development are both complex and challenging. We should, perhaps, be thankful that Canada is well-equipped, both to help in unravelling the complexities, and to meet the challenges. The Federal Government has a clear responsibility to provide leadership in this field, but it can only fulfil its responsibilities with the full support and co-operation of all Canadians. I am confident that this support will be forthcoming in the future, as it has been in the past.

I would like, for a minute, to speak about the rewards and benefits of a non-material nature which Canadians derive from their participation in the wider world economy. What I have in mind are the personal experiences which we may have, as individuals, and which can enrich our lives enormously.

There is the Canadian businessman, searching out new markets for Canadian products in a distant land where Western visitors have until recently been rare; there is the Canadian technical adviser, learning to work and live with people in a developing country who want to benefit from his knowledge and experience: in these and in other cases, individual Canadians are learning at first hand of the difficulties and frustrations, but also of the satisfactions, that come with a direct involvement in the interdependent world community in which we all live.

There are some in Canada who find cause for concern in the state of our Confederation in this centennial year. True, there are problems, which require skill and patience if they are to be successfully resolved. But let us realize that Canada is one of the truly blessed among the lands of the earth; let us not dishonour our patrimony by petty criticism and bickering; let us try and hold up for the world an example of generosity and understanding.

I have been concerned this evening with Canada's role in the world economy. In Canada's second century, the interdependence of nations will become even greater than it is now, perhaps most noticeably in the economic field.

Canadians have accomplished much in the first 100 years of Confederation. Let us not now become overly preoccupied with our problems here at home; let us rather accept, gladly, the responsibilities and challenges which arise