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An address by Mr. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, at the eighty-eighth annual general meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, St. Andrews by-the-Sea, New Brunswick, on June 8, 1959.

... Your practice of holding your annual meetings from time to time in various parts of Canada is highly commendable. There is no better way of developing a broad national point of view, no better way of learning at first hand of the problems and the opportunities in our diverse areas. Your choice of the Atlantic region this year is particularly appropriate, for thereby you draw increased attention to an area that has recently been exhibiting an upsurge of industrial activity that promises well for the future. I hope that the establishment of new industries here will be one of the results of this convention and of your tour of the Atlantic provinces.

The Atlantic provinces have long been of economic importance for pulp and paper, fish processing, primary iron and steel, sawmills, railway rolling stock, petroleum products, sugar refining, shipbuilding, agriculture, and many other manufacturing and processing activities. According to the latest Dominion Bureau of Statistics' figures available, manufacturing establishments number about 3,400, employing over 65,000 persons with a payroll of about \$180 million dollars. Basic to the development of industry are fuel and power and in recent years the Atlantic provinces have been adding to their productive capacity by enlarging their means for the production of power. I am sure that this process will continue and that, on the firm foundations already laid, the Maritimes will play their full part in the economic advance now proceeding throughout Canada as a whole.

During the 88 years of the existence of your association the manufacturing industry in Canada has grown tremendously. The motto of your convention, "Build Industry - Build Canada", is very appropriate for you have been builders of Canada. On the