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THE PRIME MINISTER WELCOMES THE QUEEN TO CANADA

At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on October 6, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was welcomed to Canada by Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson in the following words:

...As your First Canadian Minister, it is my duty and my great privilege, to express to Your Majesty and to Your Royal Highness the thanks and the gratification of my fellow Canadian citizens for your gracious acceptance of the invitation of your Government of Canada to be present at certain of our ceremonies marking the centenary of the first conferences of the Fathers of Confederation.

On behalf of the Canadian people, I bid Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness a most hearty welcome upon your return to Canada, the land we love, the land we serve, and the land in whose great destiny we have an abiding faith.

We welcome you as Queen of Canada and as head of the Commonwealth, but also we welcome Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness for yourselves and for the grace and charm which Your Majesty invariably brings to your Canadian visits.

The immediate Canadian occasion this afternoon is the formal opening of the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Building. It commemorates an event in the history of our country which we believe to be of a magnitude meriting the Royal Presence of the Queen of Canada. So we shall presently request Your Majesty officially to declare open this building. It honours our nation's past. It is a tribute to those famous men who founded our Confederation. But it is dedicated also to the fostering of those things that enrich the mind and delight the heart, those intangible but precious things that give meaning to a society and help create from it a civilization and a culture.

TRIBUTE TO MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

It is also my privilege to pay tribute to the wisdom and the work of the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Citizens' Foundation, a body of 20 distinguished Canadians who, under the presidency of Dr. Frank MacKinnon, have every right to take deep pride in what they have achieved. Five years of demanding effort have resulted in a magnificent complex of buildings, splendidly conceived and as splendidly executed.

The men of the Foundation have served their country well and I, as Prime Minister, express to them the heartfelt thanks of all Canadians. I must not fail, either, to pay tribute to the many hundreds of Canadians who spared no effort to ensure that this would be a truly national achievement, in its planning and in its execution. All those associated with this work, the Foundation, its consultants, the architects, the engineers, the builders, the craftsmen, should feel today that they are wearing, symbolically to be sure, a wreath of wild olive.

MEANING OF MEMORIAL

The Foundation's invitation to Canadian architects to take part in the competition for the design of this Centre said this:

"...The competitor is wasting his time who thinks of this building as anything but a national shrine to which Canadians will forever pay homage as the birthplace of their nation.

"In former times, people built columns to commemorate historic events and pantheons as memorials to the great of a nation. Times have changed and, in our democratic society, even war memorials have taken the form of buildings for public use. It seemed even more appropriate that the Fathers of

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