

In this connection, a strange new word has lately been insistently and cleverly pushed by the communists - "co-existence". In its discussion it occasionally becomes a "fighting word". It is certainly a "fooling" word. It is also the thinnest word, I think, that I have ever heard. It may be appropriate enough to its source, which is the Kremlin, but it is unimpressive if you set it in any other context.

It would be a pretty poor family, for example, if the best you could say for it was that its members co-existed. Not much affection there, not much co-operation, not much life. Merely a tolerance of each other's existence: and the implication that it is a pretty drab existence at that.

Also, it would be a bad day for Canada if the municipalities merely co-existed with the provinces; and the provinces with the Dominion. If we lived and worked together in any such sterile way, our country would never achieve the great destiny that lies ahead of it; and which we have the right to hope and expect it will achieve.

Though we Canadians of different sections and origins do much more than co-exist, there is, of course still room for progress in working out the implications of our unity.

I have often thought, for example, that I would like to be Minister of Education in one of our provinces, at least for one purpose. I would like to negotiate agreements with my colleagues in other provinces for the exchange of teachers. I would like to give the school children of my province the opportunity of close contact with teachers from each of the other main sections of our country: and I would like as many as possible of my province's teachers to have had the enriching opportunity, at some stage in their careers, of two or three years' experience as an exchange teacher living and working with the children and parents of at least one of the other main regions of our broad and richly-varied land.

Again, as our wealth increases, might not some of it usefully be spent in organizing and making possible for our children vacation tours on an exchange basis in other provinces? This need not cost much. Given the initiative and a little organization, it would certainly be found that many parents would be happy to put up school children from another province for a few weeks, if in exchange their own children received a corresponding opportunity elsewhere.

Given our almost unique opportunities we can and should be much more bilingual, as a people, than we are. There is in fact plenty of scope for diplomatic negotiations within our own federal state in the challenge and the adventure of working out our unity on a basis that is far deeper and far more lasting than mere co-existence.

In a wider field, our relations with the United States, our friendship and co-operation with our great neighbour, go far beyond anything that could be called co-existence. To look at another part of the world, Western Europe, from