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An Address by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson, at the Commencement Exercises, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, June 3, 1956.

It is my agreeable first duty, Mr. President, to express my sincere gratitude through you to Clark University in having done me this signal honour in inviting me to be the speaker this afternoon at your 66th Commencement ceremonies. I should like also to express to my fellow-graduates here assembled my congratulations on earning and securing their degrees, and to wish them all success and happiness in the years ahead. There is perhaps a certain element of injustice in these proceedings. You are now receiving your degrees, after four years of conscientious and demanding study. I receive mine for making one speech. Incidentally, I have noted, Mr. President, that you have been generous enough to confer this degree upon me even before I have spoken. In any event, I am happy to be with you on this occasion, and to receive this honour from a University which has won for itself an enviable reputation.

It is pleasant to reflect that, just as with many other centres of learning in the United States, Canada has long had fruitful connections with this University. More than thirty years ago, Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, Director General of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, and an old friend and colleague of mine, did his post-graduate work here at Clark University, and at present he is a representative of the alumni on your Board of Trustees. You have also with you, in your division of Business Administration, Professor James A. Maxwell, my sponsor today, and one of the many Canadians who can be found on the teaching and research staffs of United States universities.

For many years now, you have welcomed Canadian students, and made your scholarships as freely available to them as to your own citizens. Although we are not always happy when many of those who come to you decide to stay on this side of the boundary, it is, I think, true that academic