

If you find us engaged also in reflection and debate over the implications of our commitment to biculturalism and bilingualism and over some questions of our constitutional structure, then this is neither new in Canadian history nor inappropriate for such an anniversary. We expect political change and adaptation as well as economic development.

The bells will ring out in communities across the country at the beginning of 1967. A succession of centennial events will take place during the year - exhibitions, military tattoos, a canoe pageant and race, cultural presentations, dedications, special projects and the re-enactment of historical events in pageantry. I hope that these will be seen by all as the outward manifestation of joy in accomplishment, as an assertion of identity and as a sign of confidence in the future.

We are fortunate that, in a national anniversary year, we shall be able to present to the world the latest - and, I hope, one of the most imaginative - of the series of world expositions which have both summed up and stimulated human progress.

The pavilions in Expo '67 expressing the main themes of "Man and His World" will transcend national frontiers to depict the prospects for humanity.

We are glad to be hosts to more governments than have ever participated before in a world exposition. The contribution of so many nations, the visits of heads of states and of governments and the presence of visitors from many lands will be a welcome testimonial to the breadth of Canada's links with the world community today. They will be a fitting culmination to 100 years of history of the Canadian Confederation.

Among the pavilions which are now being made ready for the opening of Expo '67, that of the United States is one of the most prominent, and I am glad to say that there will be representation from two or three States of the Union as well. We have long benefited from our close contact with the arts and sciences and with the generous democratic culture of the United States. To none of our friends do we offer a warmer welcome to join with Canadians in the celebration of a national and a world event.

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