

progressed, the city of Winnipeg grew, not merely in size, but in influence. Its growth and progress were measured by the growth and progress of trade. The leaders in its trade were associated in the Board of Trade. Through that association they gave form and direction to the development of their community.

Although recent years have seen a considerable growth in industry, Winnipeg still lives in the main by trade. ~~Trade is its life-blood. It has been well said~~ Trade flourishes where freedom reigns. The love of freedom and the broad tolerance, which are characteristic of Winnipeg, are, in no small degree, the reflection of the spirit which has ever actuated the Board of Trade.

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Speaking from Ottawa tonight, I offer my congratulations to the officers and members of the Winnipeg Board of Trade upon the completion of sixty years of service to their community. The Board has contributed from the beginning to the development of Winnipeg as a national and international market for a great staple of Canada's export trade which has contributed largely to our national wealth. The Diamond Jubilee of the Winnipeg Board of Trade is truly a national occasion.

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