

institute were among the first to recognize and to take action in the social sciences.

Through the League of Nations and now through the United Nations Statistical Commission and other specialized agencies the work of international statistical and conceptual standardization has been carried on. It is clear, however, that we would not have reached our present degree of advancement had it not been for the great pioneering work of the International Statistical Institute.

The International Statistical Institute is a good example of international cooperation between nations. This cooperation comes because of an appreciation on the part of these nations that it is in their common interest to exchange knowledge and information in the area of statistics. This meeting takes place at a time when there is much cautious hope in the world that we might be on the verge of a new period in which there will be much more international cooperation in a great variety of matters. It may be that we have approached the time when nations with widely varying backgrounds and sometimes different ideologies are coming to appreciate the values for all men which can be attained through increased international cooperation.

I express the hope that we may see this realistic attitude manifesting itself in bodies like the United Nations and I assure you that Canada will be doing all that we can to pursue those areas of international cooperation such as the United Nations peace-keeping operations in the approaching session of the world organization. We will proceed not with any great illusions but in the firm conviction that mankind today stands to benefit greatly from improved international cooperation in the area of keeping the peace.

J'ai parlé du rôle de la statistique comme moyen d'information et de compréhension internationale, mais votre Institut se tourne de plus en plus vers un autre champ important de la connaissance humaine, je veux dire l'échange international des idées sur les méthodes et les procédés statistiques. Dans un monde