

4. A number of weather stations and Loran stations have been established.
5. This year the Royal Canadian Navy will have an exercise in the course of which the aircraft carrier "Magnificent" and a tanker will proceed as far as Wakeham Bay in Hudson Straits north of Ungava accompanied by two destroyers, the destroyers coming on as far as Churchill itself. The Navy is to build a large powerful icebreaker for northern use.
6. Health, welfare and educational activities have been extended through the northwest. More health and welfare work is being done each year since the war than was done in all the time up to the war put together. I am glad to have had a hand in extending this when I was Minister of National Health and Welfare. We are learning how much more remains to be done.
7. There has been a great increase in scientific attention - by geographers and geologists, by experts surveying wild life and taking steps to conserve and enlarge the animal population.
8. Recent years have in fact been marked by a great increase in knowledge and in public interest in the north.

Perhaps a change in our attitude is best shown by two striking figures. I must confess they astonished me when I got the results of an enquiry I made. In 1938-39 the federal government spent in the Northwest Territories and in the nearby country under \$1,000,000 dollars. In 1948-49 - just ten years later - the figure was over \$22,500,000, twenty-five times as much. Each year the federal government is spending more money in the north than it spent in the whole history of the country up to the year 1939. And imagine that far more is going to be done.

Here in our north we have some of the great undeveloped resources of the nation. Here, also we have a moral responsibility to the native population and a direct interest in their welfare. That responsibility and interest have been recognized by much greater expenditures on health and welfare than ever before.

The north is one of the last great frontiers of the world; this country has the appeal and challenge of the still unknown, the still undeveloped, the still untamed, where man dies unless he knows the right way to live. It beckons those who can hear the call of adventure, young men and women searching for new lives, for opportunities for a life which is neither cozy nor particularly profitable. The old world of adventure and the new world of science meet in Churchill. Here is a great demonstration of the partnership that will be necessary to bring about the still newer world of co-operation.

It is a great opportunity for men and women of foresight, of courage, and of resolution. From what I have seen of the service people and civilians working in the north, I don't think you need fear that they will fail to respond to their opportunities.

The Canadian north is one of the last great frontiers of the world. It is cold, empty, inhospitable; but we ourselves live for the most part in a cold country and in the laboratories of our north our young men and scientists are experimenting with implements and instruments and with themselves in an effort to wrest from those limitless spaces knowledge and technique which may be of service to Canada and the rest of humanity. I do not think that you need fear that they will waste their opportunities.