

We have built a robust and respected country and we did that because, at our best, we have a nation reaching out - connecting oceans: Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic; welcoming people, from all races, and regions, including the refugees of Europe and Central America, and the underground railway, and the China Sea. Whatever doubts we entertain at home, the name and the nature of Canada are known and respected in the largest capitals and the smallest villages of the world.

Catherine's great grandfather did not come entirely by choice. Economics drove him from Ontario; opportunity drew him here. That is our story. In continuing to reach out, we Canadians have a past to honour, and a future to assure.