

announce sovereign decisions to ensure that northern integrity which he proclaimed.

I know something about this country - its strength, its contradictions, its sense of vulnerability. My own view is that, in recent years, we have become much stronger, as a national community, much more sure of our ability to compete.

The Canadian vision of the New World is different from the American dream. It is based on our own values, born of our culture, our history, our climate and geography. Canadians have a right to demand that our Government preserve these values and protect them.

When the "National Policy" was introduced in 1879, Canada was a struggling infant. Trade barriers were seen as a necessary part of a general economic program aimed at linking the new country together on an east-west axis, settling the west through a transcontinental transportation system, and building a domestic manufacturing sector.

But the Canada of 1985 is not the fragile newcomer to the family of nations that it was at Confederation. We have come of age, and the expectations of our citizens have matured. It is now appropriate for Canada to be more assertive, Both as to who we are and what we can achieve.