

I ask those of you in this audience in whose hearts, hands and minds will lie the responsibility and opportunity for the maintenance and development of that national spirit, to carry on your studies and your activities in the assured belief in the destiny of Canada. Canada's continually rising greatness is assured. To believe that is not wishful thinking or blind optimism. I hope that you will devote your trained minds to the acute and careful analysis of the problems of our times, for that is the best possible exercise to develop the necessary muscles of understanding which you will need when the time comes for you to take active participation in meeting the challenge of the problems of the future. That you will examine and criticize the solutions offered, I have no doubt. It is the prerogative -- indeed, the duty -- of youth to do so.

As William Cowper, the poet, put it:

"And differing judgments serve but to declare  
The Truth lies somewhere, if we knew but where."

I ask you to think, and to think in a large way and with a long view, about the kind of Canada that you believe you and your generation are entitled to inherit. To assure the attainment of the Canada of your dreams will require that each and all will give of your time to public service.

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