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In Quebec, together with fortunate Canadians, the canvas of the future that we will be able to describe shall have to be lived by all Canadians, be they federalists, nationalists or others. It must be hoped that they are all willing to work for the prosperity of Canadians, throughout the country.

I think that in future, education will not be used merely to prepare youth for the labour market. Education, I suggest, aims at giving our young people the required tools for thinking so as to allow them to understand the very complex world in which we live.

This is one of the objectives that the government should consider, instead of creating useless corporations such as the one it wants to establish now, because it is not a problem of production that we are bumping against, but indeed a problem of economic balance. Production must equal consumption. The more we shall build and go towards production, the more we shall aggravate the present large unbalance. As a matter of fact, we experience this unbalance in our economic system and we have figures to prove it. I gave some earlier. The surplus of production will reach 34 billion this year and if we do everything to produce more who will buy the products? Where will we be able to sell them and what kind of stability will we assure the Canadian people?

The government must deal with all kinds of problems. It is fine to say: We shall produce and then export. But we must import as much as we export so there will be no change because that is not where the problem lies. If we could produce to help logically the needy countries and if we could secure the required markets before launching those vast organizations or investing this tremendous capital by taking it away from some to give it to a state corporation, if it was possible to export without importing, it would perhaps be a solution.

We have no agreement enabling us to export without importing. Finally, we must balance our trade. When our trade balance with other countries is unfavourable, we know how the serious the consequences can be. If we had merely exported our surpluses in exchange for goods which are not manufactured in the country and which are required by Canadians, we would then be logical. However, it is illogical and hardly imaginable to have more exports than imports.

Therefore we must prepare young people for the world of tomorrow through education. It is necessary that everyone gets his part to play in society so that this society will guarantee everyone the right to live in a logical way, to have his share of the immense progress which science and technology have made possible. That is where the government has to intervene. We must work, we must have recourse to experts in order to find a way to balance our economy which is not balanced at present.

While we may be enjoying life at present we must prepare the future; we must invent it and work it out. When Canadians will know collectively what they want, they work to bring about what they will have planned.

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Right now, we know neither what we want nor where we are going by creating such organizations from which we will surely not get the services we expect of them.

We are now witnessing the phenomenon whereby one industry is born causing the disappearance of ten similar industries in the vicinity. Is there really any advantage in encouraging such a situation? The only result is the unemployment of hundreds of trained employees. We must avoid such upsets, while seeking ways to promote production and scientific progress in the field of finance, and this to the advantage of present citizens as well as future generations.

The government sticks its nose where it has no business. But it fails to intervene where it would be necessary, namely in financial institutions, for instance by financing existing industries. The government should rather build highways so as to allow industries to move their products.

I live in an area crossed by an express with six toll stations, while those who travel between Montreal and Ottawa do not have to pay tolls when using expressways. As for ourselves, because we are living far from large centres, we are compelled to pay toll charges on expressways.

We have no highway going to New Brunswick while the government could build one and thus promote contacts with the Atlantic provinces. Instead of this, we will set up giant industries and cram the warehouses with products. Then there will be no outlet and we will have to lay off personnel and ask the government to finance the deficit of these corporations.

For instance, the C.N.R. and a number of other crown corporations are not self-financing and they are always asking for subsidies to balance their budget.

Since private industry is able to balance its budget, it should be allowed to sell its production and make a small and reasonable profit. It works. The government has no reason to poke its nose into its business.

The future of the community should not be conditioned by present difficulties or failures. We must conceive tomorrow's society on the basis of the actual and concrete possibilities of a nation full of talents, resources and of needs to be satisfied. The government should endeavour to meet the wishes of our people who want to live and know their business.

I ask the government to keep on acting as it did until now. I want it to go a little further and to concern itself more with politics but with nonpartisan politics. Once we have reached this objective we shall have done something for this country. We shall recognize the importance of each individual instead of recognizing the giant organizations which have no heart or soul and whose managers are not responsible.

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The responsible ones are the human beings who have the right to live. Should an economic policy be suitable for great corporations, it could apply to every individual,