

a clear picture of the land you are visiting, you can be comforted by the fact that you may perhaps share certain perplexities with its own inhabitants!

Nous nous reunissons aujourd'hui dans une des plus grandes villes du monde, ou l'on parle francais. Permettez moi, en employant une de nos deux langues nationales, de souhaiter, aux membres de cette conference, qui parlent francais, un accueil cordial et sincere.

To those of you who do not know this country, and I take it that means most of you, I would not venture to suggest precisely what you may expect to see. I would, however, hazard two guesses.

My first guess is that you will find the primary problems that Canadians face in today's society to be much more familiar, far closer to your own experience, than you may have thought possible. The communities of the Commonwealth are feeling the impact of industrialization at a pace not even dreamed of a generation ago, let alone in the distant era of the first industrial revolution. We are all of us living in what has been called the scientific revolution. Ours is a world of instantaneous communications, swift travel and easy transport of materials, of an industrial chemistry that will soon be able to make almost anything out of anything else. It is a world of automation, of electronics and atomic energy, with the need for highly skilled and intelligent workers. It is also a world whose population grows by millions every month. High pressure is thus brought to bear on the most precious elements -- land, water and air -- the supply of which is not unlimited even in Canada.

In spite of the many social and political differences among us, and the various approaches to industrialization in our countries, we have each of us