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## BIRTHDAY HONOURS FOR THE ARCHITECT OF CONFEDERATION

Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson visited Kingston, Ontario, on January 11 to attend ceremonies marking the one hundred and fifty-second birthday of Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's first Prime Minister. Before leaving, Mr. Pearson placed a wreath on the grave of Sir John. "I don't think that we are as aware or do as much as we should to honour the men who built Canada," Mr. Pearson said.

Earlier, the Prime Minister addressed a meeting in Queen's University. Part of his speech follows:

It is my belief that the Canada of Sir John and the Founders 100 years ago is crystallizing and maturing into an ideal of nationhood which will confound the doubters and scatter the Jeremiahs.

I know that we have been going through some heavy national seas and that we are in the midst of great upheavals.

We share this experience today with practically every country in the world and we are far better equipped to deal with it than the great majority of them.

### INDICATIONS OF CHANGE

I see in current developments not intimations of national disaster but indications that we are undergoing change and growth; that we are continuing to go forward — and with a speed that is bound to create some dislocations and disturbances.

Change has become the only enduring condition.

In Canada, where more than half of our population is now under 25, the impatience to get on with change is more likely to increase than to diminish.

The prospect of change does not alarm me; there is always room for the kind of change that

means improvement — especially in the opportunity for human development. I only ask that our impatience does not lead to change which is not improvement.

I share with many others a belief that youth will provide most of the encouragement for constructive progress in Canada as we enter our second century....

So far as material progress is concerned, the circumstances in which we live today far surpass the vision of Sir John and the other Founders — and they were men of vision.

We have won the basic struggle for existence in Canada, the fight for survival against the hostile forces of nature and for protection against disaster and misfortune.

Now our challenge is turning inward toward the needs and the longings of the human spirit for meaning and purpose to life in the bewildering new social patterns of our era.

We have already begun, often without fully appreciating this fact, to meet some of these challenges.

While various social welfare measures have been giving Canadians greater freedom from basic wants than ever before, other measures have begun to expand equality of opportunity for personal achievement and development.

But there is so much more to do. That is why, as we look back with pride over the last 100 years, we should look forward with faith, but also with realism, to the testing times ahead. I believe our history has uniquely prepared us for the changing social and economic and political conditions we face today....

Material achievements are important. But the better part of any nation is what lives in the hearts