

Future Growth

Nor has any promise of future growth in Canada been diminished in any way. We have soil capable of feeding more than ten times our present population. We have resources which stagger the imagination. We have the greatest known reserves of iron, the most precious mineral of all. If we include the tar-sands of Athabaska, Canada has potential oil reserves exceeding those of all the rest of the world. We supply two-thirds of the world's nickel. We have copper, lead, zinc and all the great minerals, as well as vast resources of the forest. We have huge reserves of electric energy, of coal and of that mysterious mineral, uranium. What a prospect that offers for men and women of vision and courage with the imagination to look into the years ahead! What challenging prospects there are of a great trading partnership between Canada and Britain across the short sea and air routes of the North Atlantic! It is because the opportunities are so great that I hope they will not be obscured in either country by misunderstanding or uncertainty about the value of our close co-operation in the future.

Let us all consciously build a spirit of goodwill based upon a better knowledge of what our joint efforts can do in the years ahead. If we join hands in days of peace as we did in the days of war, then we can say, not merely with hope but with the utmost certainty, "The best is yet to be".

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