

In conclusion, let me frankly assert one of the main reasons for my conviction that Canada must develop increasingly close relations with Latin America. This is the prospect that, between now and the end of the century, Latin America will become one of the most influential regions of the world.

The exact shape of things to come in Latin America is no more certain than in any other part of the world. The problems which already face Latin American leaders, and which may well be aggravated by a rapidly rising population as time goes on, are formidable and increasingly pressing. Yet a combination of constructive forces, already apparent, should serve to tip the balance toward success:

- (1) Sensible domestic policies designed to maintain economic momentum.
- (2) Readiness to adopt measures of regional economic co-operation, which will give strength to all participants.
- (3) Insistence on non-intervention as the necessary counterpart of the conscientious acceptance of responsibility by governments for the good government of their peoples.
- (4) Effective co-operation by outside countries and agencies in the economic development of the region.

More than 30 years ago, when I first entered Parliament, I developed a keen interest in Latin America. I have maintained that interest ever since. It is, therefore, a matter of satisfaction for me to see the growth of our relations with the countries of this Hemisphere, a development which, I am sure, will be of great benefit to us all.

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