

Please accept, therefore, my assurance on behalf of the government and people of Ontario that this course has our very warm approval, and as the terms of reference, as laid down, have been announced in the press, you will be proceeding on such basis. If the Canadian confederation is to survive and flourish, our partnership must be a true one—in fact, in spirit, and in purpose—and may I say to you that when the proposed commission is finally established, we shall leave nothing undone to facilitate its work in our province.

I am fully persuaded that if we approach these unsolved problems with patience, understanding and good will, if we learn the necessary lessons from our failures and draw upon the wisdom gained from almost a century of experience, we can in the next four years do much to strengthen and ensure the concept of the Canadian confederation so that Canada's centennial will be an occasion of rejoicing and of fulfilment.

With kind personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John P. Roberts

Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson,
Prime Minister of Canada,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

THE PREMIER

Nova Scotia

Halifax

May 24, 1963.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 15 with enclosure regarding the proposed royal commission concerning bilingualism and biculturalism.

I have now had an opportunity to confer with my colleagues concerning your inquiry.

It is, of course, not possible for the government of Nova Scotia to determine whether or not a royal commission is the best approach to this problem across the nation. That, of course, would be a decision for your government to take. I can assure you, however, that if your government decides to appoint such a commission the province of Nova Scotia will offer such a commission every co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

R. L. Stanfield

The Honourable Lester B. Pearson
Prime Minister of Canada
Ottawa, Canada

The Government of the Province
of New Brunswick

THE PREMIER
Fredericton,

May 24th, 1963.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:—

I have carefully reviewed the terms of reference of the proposed royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism in Canada and find them very comprehensive and quite adequate. Consequently, the government of New Brunswick endorses the proposal and offers our utmost co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Louis J. Robichaud

The Right Honourable L. B. Pearson,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
Province of Quebec

Quebec, May 27, 1963.

Honourable Lester B. Pearson,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa.

Mr. Prime Minister,

I have your letter of May 15 concerning the holding of an inquiry on biculturalism and bilingualism.

I have submitted your letter to my colleague, together with the terms of reference of the royal commission that would conduct the enquiry.

I am pleased to inform you that the government of Quebec favours the holding of such an inquiry, in consultation with the provincial governments, as you suggest.

In that respect, we trust that this commission will be made up in accordance with the principle set out in the preamble to the terms of reference, i.e. "an equal partnership between the two founding races of the Canadian confederation, taking into account the other ethnic groups".

Yours sincerely,

Jean Lesage

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER
Edmonton

May 28th, 1963.

Right Honorable L. B. Pearson,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Prime Minister:

My colleagues and I have given careful consideration to your letter of May 15 and