

I should have received a second invitation. Were it not for other invitations which, unhappily, I was unable to accept, I might be inclined to believe that the time was so long ago, that those then present had fortunately forgotten all about the previous visit. [I must confess that under the strain and stress of the intervening years, I had forgotten what I had spoken about on that occasion. When the proceedings were brought to my attention, I was amazed to find that, in one short speech, I had attempted to cover so much ground. 1927 was the year of Canada's Diamond Jubilee. My theme was none other than the growth and expansion of Canada over 300 years. From its early beginnings, associated with Indian tribes and their primitive habitations, I traced our country's development to the group of colonies it had become at the time of Confederation, and, more particularly, its growth, during the subsequent sixty years, to the full status of a nation within the community of British Nations.]

I had some thought of attempting, this afternoon, a review of Canada's development ~~only~~ in the twenty years that have elapsed since that address was delivered. Such a task would be impossible. It is possible, however, to give, in a word, the most significant development of that period.