

people of Icelandic descent in Canada will always hold their old country in love and reverence.

Canada is not an old country. The Canadian nation is young and constantly rising among the nations of the world. It has been my privilege to observe at many international conferences how highly appreciated is the voice of Canada, how fortunate is its influence and wise its leadership on every occasion.

Canada is the country of the future. Its great possibilities, its rich resources and its able, hard-working and intelligent people afford Canada security of prosperity and happiness in times to come.

It is the fervent hope of my Government and of the people of Iceland that Canada's constantly increasing influence on world affairs will largely help to ensure peace and security for all the peoples of the world.

As I begin my mission in Canada, I wish to express my conviction that I shall always meet with friendly assistance and the greatest goodwill for the accomplishment of a task which is particularly pleasant to me and by which I am deeply honoured.