

THE FUTURE

The centenary of Confederation will be celebrated in 1967. In the short span of years which constitutes the history of modern Canada, the country has developed and changed in a way which could hardly have been foreseen at Confederation. A number of sparsely populated settlements scattered across a vast expanse of territory have been welded into a cohesive nation, with a strong sense of national identity, a generally expanding economy and a deep sense of international responsibility.

While most Canadians are acutely conscious and proud of their heritage, they are not much inclined to dwell on the achievements of the past, being primarily preoccupied with the present and the future. Canadians live in an atmosphere of opportunity and endeavour, and one in which physical, cultural and economic frontiers are never far removed. It is to the greater mastery of these frontiers that the Canadian today devotes his main efforts.

Canadians hope that the rate of Canada's progress, material and cultural, will not slacken in the future. They realize, however, that the destiny of the country may be determined by developments beyond its borders. Whatever happens, rich potentialities offer a challenge to the intelligence and vigour of the Canadian people. Granted foresight and unflinching effort, granted a peaceful and favourable world climate, Canada looks to a future of achievement and well-being, enriched by a culture which has sources as diverse as the origins of its people.

