

people throughout this room, certainly people throughout this community, who have in your families some ancestor who would have found it much easier, much less challenging to have stayed in Finland, to have stayed in Italy, to have stayed in Ukraine, to have stayed in wherever it is that they came from, far easier to do that, but that was the history of Canada. Canada's history was not to stay with things that were comfortable, Canada's history has always been to reach out and to try to take advantage of new opportunities. And if that has been true of the country as a whole, if I may say so it has been particularly true of communities like yours and communities like mine. The Canadian author, Bruce Hutchinson, on one of this marvelous books that he wrote on the nature of this country, spent a chapter once on the little town of High River. I recommend that you read it. He talked to a man there who, an old cowboy, dead now, lived until 103 or 104, he said to Billy Henry, what is it that make the people of this part of the country different from elsewhere. Henry stopped and he said, "they dream big, they are big dreamers". Well that is the history of this country. We are big dreamers. And we always have been historically. And we have been at our best when we have some big dreams.

One of the original foreign corporations of Canada, the Hudson Bay Company, was not called the Hudson Bay Company. In its charter, it is a different name, a more descriptive name, it is called the Company of Adventurers Trading into Hudson Bay. And in my view that name is symptomatic and symbolic of this country. We have been at our best a country of adventurers. We have been that individually. In the forebearers of all of us, who happened to leave comfortable but limited circumstances wherever they came from to start something new, to find a better future and we have been that as a country.

And now we are embarked, we have ahead of us, the prospect of another adventure. Yes, there are risks involved as there are risks involved in everything we do in every moment of our life in this modern world, but there are also great opportunities and it is the view of our Government that it is in the nature of this country and it is in the profound need of this country to respond to the opportunities that trade provides. There is not point in running away from the world.