

inspired our countrymen's restless sense of adventure. At the same time, this city represents much more than that. Here was established the first centre of higher learning in North America, the first anchor point in the New World of the culture and civilization of the Old. Throughout its history, the University of Laval has cherished this heritage as a vital demonstration of the proposition that our cultural and spiritual frontiers extend far beyond the limits which nature has set.

As a scene of many conflicts, Quebec has been in a sense a crucible of our national experience. But from these conflicts we have learned the lesson of compromise. In the death of two men who, though opposed in immediate purpose, fell in upholding the honour of a trust, the symbol of service and sacrifice has been indelibly imprinted on our national consciousness.

More than a century later and almost a century ago, Quebec witnessed a gathering of bewhiskered Victorian gentlemen from the British North American Provinces and out of their deliberations issued the resolutions which became the British North America Act. I am confident that it was not mere accident which determined that Quebec should have been the birthplace of a design for a Confederation, conceived in the wise recognition that a unity in diversity could be achieved only by compromise and by mutual accommodation.

To me, this citadel City represents then a kind of embodiment and guardian of our cultural and spiritual frontiers and symbolizes those qualities of stability, tolerance and endurance which are integral factors in true Canadianism. At the same time, Quebec, through her busy waterfront, looks out on an international perspective of increasing complexity and danger.

In recent years - and this is a comparatively new development - the advent of Canada to middle power status has added a new dimension to our experience as a nation. We have assumed grave responsibilities in the field of foreign affairs. To the tasks we have undertaken, we bring I believe the special qualities and characteristics which we have developed in our national evolution. In moving up on this new frontier, we have attempted to contribute, in a sense, a national policy to international problems and in so doing to represent the views of the Canadian people in the shaping of a world order.