

stand in that country was staged in the mountain states, in Canada the frontier has persisted longest in the North. Here indeed is a true frontier and one that will never be fully conquered.

This is a matter of vital importance to the future of Canada. The virtues peculiar to frontier conditions - social and political democracy, independence and self-reliance, freedom in co-operation, hospitality and social responsibility - are virtues of particular importance in national life.

Perhaps it is here that the greatest contribution will be made by the Canadian North. Much as that area may contribute to the economic life of the country, this contribution may be of less significance than the fact that here will be a permanent source of energy from which Canada will draw strength in the never-ending fight to guard and maintain the personal and human rights of our people. As long as the frontier remains there will be Canadians who will never succumb to the dogmas of the totalitarian or the power of domestic tyranny. The frontier is a bastion of freedom and the North is a permanent frontier.

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