

Canadians. A necessary step must be a reversal of our current attitudes of retrenchment if we are indeed to look ahead. . . Volume I of the Lamontagne report is thus a milestone—a time to stop looking backward, and a time to proceed with constructive action.

This is precisely what the committee intends to do in its Volume II. Unfortunately, its publication will be delayed as a result of my illness, because on my doctor's orders I have been unable to work on it since the publication of Volume I last December. A good deal of the preparatory work has been done but I am afraid that it will take a few months yet before this second volume can be released. So far as I am concerned, I am now in a position to devote most of my time during the next few months to the completion of the work. I will try to find with my colleagues a method by which perhaps we could be authorized by the Senate to release the report as soon as it is ready, even if our chamber is not sitting at that time. I am certainly not an expert on our own rules and I do not know if that can be done.

Hon. Mr. Choquette: Senator Grosart will let us know

Hon. Mr. Lamontagne: Such a method would enable us to avoid unnecessary delays. A great number of people, including the Government, are anxiously awaiting our recommendations.

Meanwhile, I hope that the Canadian scientific and technological community will follow Dr. Bachynski's advice and use this period not "on bickering and defensive rationalization of the past," but to put forward constructive proposals when, as he says, "the times thus cry out for leadership and statesmanship in Canadian science." There will always be a small minority in our scientific community reacting negatively to preserve the status quo, but my colleagues and I invite the vast majority of that community to join with us in our attempt to build a better future for science, technology and innovation in our country and to chart, as Dr. Bachynski says, "the course that science policy will take in Canada."

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.