

did not have common basic beliefs, certain links and bonds which bring us together and give us our Canadian characteristics and loyalties. I think we have shown both in peace and war how strong these bonds are. But there is, on the other hand, as we all know well, great strength in diversity. In Canada, we have proved it.

How colourless it would be if the world was inhabited by people who had the same tastes, talked the same language, and more frightening still -- thought the same way. We in Canada have learned to respect this truth. As newcomers arrive from other lands we invite them to become citizens when they qualify, and to assume the duties of citizenship, but we are happy to have them make their individual contributions to Canadian life through the culture they bring with them. Our aim is not standardization, sameness. As I have already suggested, our unity is not that of the melting pot. It is based on a recognition and harmonization of differences. ..

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