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## Canada and the world mourn Lester B. Pearson

*The death on December 27, at the age of 75, of Lester Bowles Pearson, a former Prime Minister of Canada and one of the most renowned diplomats of the twentieth century, elicited tributes from all parts of the world. Messages of praise and condolence were received by Mr. Pearson's widow and family from Queen Elizabeth II and from many other heads of state, as well as from the numerous associates of the deceased diplomat and statesman during his public life.*

*The text follows of the statement issued on December 28 by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Mr. Pearson's successor in the highest Canadian political office:*

The loss of the Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson is a great one, for men like him appear rarely. He was a man of ability and good will who worked the greater part of his life to make the world a better place for others. Mr. Pearson was widely renowned for his genius in negotiations and diplomacy, for his very human qualities of compassion and quiet humour, for his major contributions to world peace and the welfare of man.

He was tireless in his work on behalf of the United Nations, which he called "our best hope for world peace". He played a leading role in its organization and development, as well as in the work of its Specialized Agencies, and was influential in leading the UN to take giant steps toward the attainment of its Charter aims.

These contributions were widely recognized: by the Nobel Peace Prize — he was the only Canadian ever to receive it; by Her Majesty the Queen's Order of Merit — an order limited to 24 members; and by honorary degrees from more than 40 colleges and universities.

But, though he was a man of international stature, Mr. Pearson was

first and foremost a Canadian. More than 40 years of his life were devoted to the service of his country. During that time, he made Canada a respected name in world councils, but the contribution to his country which gave him the greatest satisfaction was his work in preparing the foundation for a truly united Canada, one based on the equal partnership of its two great linguistic communities.

For all these reasons he will be missed; yet there is another reason of equal dimension. It is Mike Pearson the man — the human being of warmth, of humour of friendliness, the man who had, in the words of the Nobel citation, a "strong faith in the final victory of the good forces of life". For the loss of a man of such faith, Canada is the poorer.

I know that all Canadians join with me in expressing sympathy to Mrs. Pearson and their family.

## Canada's mineral economy — the 1973 outlook

*The following speech was made to the Toronto branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy on December 15 by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Mr. Donald S. Macdonald:*

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Today, I want to:

- (1) Offer an outlook on the mineral industry for 1973;
- (2) talk briefly about the role of minerals in the total economy;
- (3) outline some of our thinking with respect to a national minerals policy for Canada.

## Mineral output to rise in 1973

As 1972 progressed, the signs of a strong upturn in the economies of the industrial nations emerged and the demand for minerals and metals became stronger.

The trend to economic recovery of