

Some Thoughts on Canada and The World of TodaySpeech by the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King
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I wish I could tell you how much I have looked forward to today. I cannot say how delighted I am, after a lapse of several years, to have again the opportunity to visit the scenes of my childhood, and of my boyhood days. Particularly, do I welcome the chance of talking again with friends whom I have not seen for years; of meeting members of their families; and of recalling incidents and interests of the past which have continued to be a source of happiness and inspiration along life's way.

It is difficult for me to realize that I am now in my 73rd year. But let me say, at once, that I feel as young in heart today as I did when, on many occasions in the past, I attended the fairs and ^{exhibitions} ~~field days~~ of the towns and villages round about. I am not so sure that I do not feel a little more at ease. There can no longer be the suspicion that I am trying to outdo some political opponent. I seek one thing only. It is to continue to enjoy your friendship and confidence for the remainder of my days.