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A VISION OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Speaking in Clarenville, Newfoundland, on May 20, the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Mr. Walter Dinsdale, declared that "the atmosphere in Northern Canada, today, is one of urgency and expectation". "Dynamic forces, reflecting the spirit of exploration, adventure, of financial risk and an upsurge of faith," he went on, "are producing results of great moment in our northland". The body of this address follows, in part:

"...At long last Canada's northland is coming into its own. Today we know that this million and one half square miles north of 60 degrees, making up more than 40 per cent of Canada, contains resources in minerals, gas and oil, in fantastic quantities. In many respects, Canada's new drive toward industrial development is dependent upon how we develop and exploit this God-given heritage. Governor-General Vanier puts his finger on the pulse of the matter in these words: 'Canada's vast unoccupied continent to the North constitutes the fiercest challenge and the brightest promise that has ever fallen to one nation's lot in recorded history.'

"That is a strong statement and the question arises, what are we doing about it? My quick answer is that we are doing a great deal about it. Let me illustrate.

THE YUKON AWAKES

"For 50 years, the Yukon slept, following the splurge of the Trail of '98. During the time, the attitude was one of looking back to the glories of the past. What a contrast today! The spirit of the pioneer is everywhere present. Yukoners today are moving at a furious pace. The population is young. It would appear

that the sourdoughs of the '98 Trail, like the old soldiers, have simply faded away. Roads are being built. So are hospitals and schools. Members of the Yukon Territorial Council sound more and more like members of a provincial legislature and talk of the day when they will become the eleventh province of Confederation. Just a few weeks ago a major step forward was made when the new Commissioner, who is part Lieutenant-Governor and part Premier, was appointed from within the territory for the first time. Members of chambers of commerce and tourist bureaus speak repeatedly of the opportunities in this country. What is most important, they talk as Canadians, thinking in terms of the general well-being of Canada rather than in terms of regional development. The new spirit of Canadian unity has obviously penetrated north of 60 degrees....

ROADS TO RESOURCES

"...The secret of success for Canadian progress and prosperity is co-operative federalism. The provinces and Ottawa must work harmoniously together. Again transportation is basic. Our dramatic 'Roads to Resources' programme is designed to bridge the gap between the settled areas of the provinces and the territories. Early in 1958, the Federal Government offered to join with each of the provinces in a co-operative programme to construct the roads to resources. The agreements provided that each government would pay half of the costs, with a maximum federal contribution of \$7.5 million for any one province. All ten provinces are now participating in this programme, which will involve an expenditure of some \$75 million by the federal Treasury, and some 4000

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