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Speech by Mr. Donald M. Fleming, Minister of Finance of Canada, to the Canadian Society of New York, Friday, November 1, 1957, on the occasion of the Annual Maple Leaf Dinner of the Canadian Society.

I deem it a high honour to be invited to be your guest and speaker on the occasion of your Annual Maple Leaf Dinner. The Canadian Society of New York is well known and deservedly esteemed in Canada. It is fortunate for Canada that men with Canadian blood in their veins and the love of Canada in their hearts should have founded this Society in 1896 for the two-fold purpose of fostering understanding and promoting friendship between Canada and the United States and also to provide assistance to any worthy Canadians in New York who may have fallen into straitened circumstances. I am glad to know that the latter phase of the Society's activities has imposed little or no burden upon its members.

Since a large proportion of your membership is drawn from leaders in the banking and investment business of this great metropolis, I have chosen for my remarks a theme touching on the economic life of Canada and in particular Canadian economic relations with the United States of America. My subject is "Canadian Outlook - 1957".

March to Full Nationhood

As the world measures time, Canada is a young nation. But ninety years ago the Dominion came into being. It was then a confederation of only four provinces; today it spans the north half of this continent and embraces ten provinces. Its march to the west, to the north and last of all to the east, with the accession of Newfoundland in 1949, was not achieved without the expenditure of blood, toil, sweat and tears. It is a proud record of statesmanship, vision and courage. It compares with any record of nation-building in history.