

skillful, wise and patient leadership of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom we were all able to co-operate for a good purpose. We have, I think, strengthened our Commonwealth association, and above all, we have maintained a firm bridge, through that association between the east and the west.

Our Commonwealth of Nations is a dynamic not a static concept. Change to meet changing conditions but without impairment of its fundamental value, is the expression of its vitality and the measure of its strength. The nations who compose it, remain joined not by a written compact or by some imposed link but by other and stronger bonds; some by allegiance to the Crown, all by acceptance, in addition, of the symbolic position of the Crown, as head of our Commonwealth; all too, by our common belief in democratic principles; in the liberty of the individual. The rule of law, the extension of political freedom, the bases upon which the Commonwealth has been developed and on which it will grow stronger.

Diversity of race and culture and tradition does not weaken the strength of the association of our new and larger Commonwealth. In diversity and in freedom and in the free will to co-operate lie its strength. That seems to me to have been shown once again at the meeting which has just concluded in London, and at which I was very proud to be Canada's representative.

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