

country. Though the extremists would more than once have wrecked it, the structure built has never failed in crises to rally to it the support of moderate men from both races. It has stood through the storms of two world wars. In every generation Canadians have had to rework the miracle of their political existence. Canada has been created because there has existed within the hearts of its people, a determination to build for themselves an enduring home. Canada is a supreme act of faith", .

Yes, the founding of Canada was a supreme act of faith and I suggest to you today that the faith of our fathers is being justified in this generation. A nation has emerged, distinctively Canadian, not just a group of provinces or a group of peoples united for certain common purposes. We have had our domestic squabbles, bitter at time as family quarrels frequently are, but we have emerged from the second World War with our unity strengthened by working together in a cause greater than ourselves, with a new sense of pride in a great achievement and a deepened consciousness of the glory and the responsibilities of the common destiny that we are to share. I know that there are some who would exploit the differences between the provinces and the racial groups for their own purposes, but can anyone who witnessed Canada at war or who mixes, as I do, with people from all parts of the country really doubt the existence of a common Canadianism?

In my opinion, the essential political unity of the country has been immeasurably strengthened by the enhanced ability of the provinces as a result of the new