

for granted, or otherwise -- links with those with whom we have most in common, with whom our ties are most intimate in political and military traditions, diplomatic consultations, language, culture, commerce, education, and virtually every other field you can think of. Our old friendships are the reliable basis for our very being and our growth.

We must proceed with the broadening and deepening of the habits and institutions of effective community, until they become as wide as mankind and as deep as the mature soul. The future of mankind demands no less. The multi-racial Commonwealth can, I believe, contribute greatly to the achievement of this task.

But it would be no service to the world community, or the Commonwealth or ourselves, if in concentrating on broadening our associations with other races we weakened the cohesion, or the depth of intimacy and trust and cooperation among ourselves. Cooperation, like charity, begins closest to home.

In conclusion I want to make two points, both about what is called the "French fact" in Canada. A distinguished political scientist recently said that hitherto the main problem of every Canadian Prime Minister had been to ensure that there should continue to be two sovereign states in North America, rather than one. Now, he said, the Prime Minister's main problem is to ensure that there should be two sovereign states rather than three. I don't know where Mexico got lost in the learned professor's arithmetic, but one sees his point.

Among the boldest acts of creative statesmanship in Canadian history, was the original and basic decision to establish a bilingual state. Today there are many such bilingual and multi-lingual, among the newly independent nations of the world. If Canada, for all our prosperity and material blessings, and our heritage of cultural and political experience from the two greatest peoples in Europe, cannot make a go of it, may God help the others! But I feel quite confident in any future. It seems obvious that man's real need today is to create effective articulated communities which transcend present national frontiers and even continents. I do not think that we in