

producers, reductions in taxes, will aid in increasing and stabilizing consumer income. Private investment will be encouraged, when necessary, by appropriate measures. The backlog of opportunities for public investment, including resource development measures, that has accumulated during the boom period will help to offset a decline in private investment. The improved placement and training facilities now available to workers have added to the mobility and adaptability of the Canadian labour force. The encouragement that is being given to expanded industrial development on a competitive basis, coupled with a more extensive resource development and conservation programme, should help to strengthen the Canadian economy against minor fluctuations in world trade.

The Canadian Government has clearly stated its objective of maintaining employment in Canada at a high level. In view of the changing and fluctuating economic situation of today, it is not possible to draw up a blueprint of all the policies needed to achieve this objective. But the Government is ready to take any measures necessary to cope with unfavourable circumstances, and is well aware that rapid, bold, and imaginative steps will have to be taken to deal with the threat of unemployment or declining incomes.

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