

But, without distinction of origin, all the Canadians who disembarked were proud of being able to participate in the liberation of the country which was for so long, and will remain, a home and bastion of human liberties.

When I went to the Cimetière des Vertus at Dieppe, I found graves of Canadians from every province. These men rest peacefully side by side in death. It is inconceivable that the heirs to the great Western civilization should be unable to find a brotherly way of life based upon respect for rights conferred by history, a respect for conventions freely accepted nearly a century ago but adapted to the exigencies of our time.

For Canada to be a great nation, strong and united, there must be among English-speaking Canadians and French-speaking Canadians a living and profound sense of the need of one for the other. This friendship supposes, in the first place, a clear and decided devotion to the common good of the nation, but it depends also upon frequent and friendly relations between the different communities, and these relations cannot be friendly unless each community tries to understand the other, to respect its just wants and to complete and aid its needs. The soul of a country is great and strong by the unity of its ideal and of its aspirations.

We have already said that the annals of history record the glory and the renown of Great Britain and of France. The future of Canada is intimately allied to this fabulous double heritage. I hope and pray that Canadians of Anglo-Saxon and French descent, whose two cultures are a source of mutual enrichment, will be an example of fraternal co-existence, and that they will advance hand in hand to make of Canada a great nation, hand in hand also with Canadians of all origins, without distinction of race or creed, with their languages and their cultures.

In conclusion, let me quote the last paragraph of my Installation Address:

"Each one of us, in his own way and place, however humble, must play his part towards the fulfilment of our national destiny. To realize how mighty this destiny will be let us lift our eyes beyond the horizon of our time. In our march forward in material happiness, let us not neglect the spiritual threads in the weaving of our lives. If Canada is to attain the greatness worthy of it, each of us must say 'I ask only to serve'."

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