

Canadians, old and new, will work as one to preserve peace and to win security. And in a world where free people can work in security and peace, the opportunities for the enlarged Canada, with its ten provinces, are immense.

Among our people there are some who still do not have that standard of life we think all Canadians should have. There are some who still do not enjoy an adequate degree of social security. We shall not cease to work for a larger measure of prosperity and security for all our people in all parts of Canada.

But while there is yet room for improvement, there is no country in the world where that improvement is more possible, or, indeed, more certain. The wealth of Canada is the wealth of half a continent. The talents and the energies of our people are those of free men who work together for the benefit of all. Our wealth, our talents, our energy, and our co-operation constitute the promise of our country.

The people of Newfoundland, who have today become citizens of Canada, will share with the people of the rest of Canada, in the work and in the wealth of our nation. Together we shall strive, under God's guidance and with confidence in our future, to build a greater and a better land.

In conclusion I welcome as a colleague in the government of Canada the Honourable Gordon Bradley, of Newfoundland, who this morning was sworn to the Privy Council and becomes Secretary of State of Canada.

(The Prime Minister then spoke in French. A translation follows): Let the Newfoundlanders of yesterday, Canadians of today, be formally assured, that when I welcome them in English, I express the feelings of their new compatriots whose maternal tongue is French, as much as of those whose maternal tongue is English.

They now belong to a nation whose main elements both hold dear the traditions, culture and language of their ancestors, and that should stand as a guarantee that by joining a new nation, they will lose nothing of their own ancestral heritage, whose assets on the contrary, will be added to the commonwealth, for the common benefit of all Canadians.

(End of translation)

Mr. Bradley will now address his fellow Canadians in all the ten provinces.

Hon. F. G. Bradley (Secretary of State): This is a day which will live long in North American history. It is a day of fulfilment -- fulfilment of a vision of great men who planned the nation of Canada more than eighty years ago; and as we stand here on this day of destiny our thoughts fly back through the years to those far-seeing men of the past -- Macdonald, Brown, and Cartier in Canada, and Carter and Shea in Newfoundland -- whose vision was broader and deeper than their times, and whose conception of a united British North America has just become a reality. In fancy we can see them now, bending over this scene in silent and profound approval.

That they were right is not now open to question. The history of the Canada they began in 1867 leaves no room for doubt upon that point, and the logic of these eighty years indicates that a still greater and better Canada for us all lies in the future.

For me this day transforms a dream of long ago into an accomplished fact. For many years I have felt that our similar