

There will be no reluctance by this Government to take every reasonable step to ensure that, within the circumstances of the moment, the volume of new housing is commensurate with the current needs of the nation. However, whereas Government can take these steps, it is well-known to all of us that without the enthusiastic co-operation of those in the housing business they will be of little avail. Not even the most enthusiastic supporter of Government intervention in the housing field, will believe for a moment that a satisfactory volume of housing can be produced in Canada without the operation of our well established means of producing such houses, made up of groups like yourselves in the real estate business, the house building industry, the suppliers of building material, labour in the construction field, as well as financing from our lending institutions. The problem is both an important and a complicated one, requiring the efforts not only of government at its various levels, but particularly of groups like this one with whom I have the great privilege to be present this evening.

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