

Building partnerships will be crucial. Changing attitudes will be half of the solution. Our success will require the co-operation of many individuals and groups, some of whom have profound differences. All these differences will not be resolved. We need to work together to identify areas where common ground exists, build a consensus, and take action. The Prosperity Initiative is our way of seeking that input. It is a means of building that commitment.

Mr. David McCamus and Mme. Marie-Josée Drouin head a Steering Group which will be crossing the country seeking the advice on the future of the economy at the same time as the Joint Parliamentary Committee will be seeking the views of Canadians on the future of the Constitution.

Both issues are vital for our future. Both are intimately inter-related. And I have every confidence that, when the Conference Board of Canada hosts this luncheon next October, we will be able to celebrate the gains we have made in working toward a prosperous and united Canada -- a total quality Canada.

Thank you.