

On the other side of that door lie riches so fabulous and varied that it taxes the imagination to describe them. Even the abundant heritage that Providence has been pleased to bless us with to date is but a pale shadow of the treasures that can be ours.

This promise of better things to come brings with it great responsibilities, and, if we are to become the great nation as now appears to be our destiny, we have to accept those responsibilities.

One of the responsibilities that our wealth will put upon us will be to use our resources to the greater good of not only Canadians but of all mankind.

We must, I think, see that all Canadians share in the material advancements of the future by the establishment, with the co-operation of all of the existing agencies, of as comprehensive a system of social justice as it is in our power to provide.

The new riches which appear just across the threshold should not so dazzle us that we forget the Biblical maxim that "To whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required".

We must not become so satisfied with our own good fortune that we forget that there are many millions of people living in the world today who are scarcely able to find enough scraps to keep alive..... Our people have demanded of their government that something be done to alleviate the suffering of the starving masses of the world and have supported, with almost unanimous approval, Canada's participation in the rehabilitation programmes of the various United Nations agencies and the Colombo Plan. They have regretted that it has not been possible to accomplish still more in these international humanitarian projects because it has been necessary, in association with other free peoples, to spend so much for our own national security and for theirs.

I hope and I believe that once the measures for our own safety and the safety of all freedom loving peoples with which our own is bound up, have been reasonably secured from the formidable threat that still shows no signs of diminishing, Canadians will want to participate to a greater degree than they can today in helping their less fortunate fellow human beings to improve their lot in life.

The realists among us, and I think that most Canadians are realists, know that during the present period of international tension we have no choice but to strengthen our defences, although I believe all of us would much rather live in a world where no tax money at all had to go into armaments. I am convinced our people realize that if the free world fails to provide for its own protection, even though we have to delay the many projects we would like to carry out in the interests of international human welfare, it will be committing a great crime.

Not only would we be depriving the enslaved world of all hope, but in the long run it would be dooming huge areas to perpetual starvation.

Once we are satisfied that the threat to the free nations of the world who bear with them the hopes of all humanity has sufficiently diminished, then we can turn to those constructive projects we would much rather be carrying out now.