

First, resources belong to no particular segment of the people - they represent the possibility of great benefits for all Canadians.

Secondly, the role of Government in this field cannot be passive but only dynamic - by leadership to stimulate resource development, by leadership to create the mental condition to make resource development possible.

And thirdly, we are a free enterprise economy and free enterprise is the essential in the actual exploration, development, manufacture and marketing of our resources.

Northern Canada will not be developed by those who are concerned about pinching pennies today so as to have a farthing for their old age. It will be developed by those who are prepared to risk their capital, their time and their energy to help build Canada for future generations.

Physical resource development, to be on a sound basis, needs to know what we have, where it is and what it can be used for. Development in Canada in the past has been brought about by government and private enterprise. So, the function of delineation survey, inventory and planning can be assisted by government. Too little in years past has been done in Canada with regard to them and a great deal remains to be done. This is one of the important programmes of our present-day Government.

Forest inventories and research, oceanography, hydrographic survey, hydrometric surveys, agricultural and fishery investigation and experiment, all come within the category of public contribution to resource development. In the case of the North, the geological surveys and mapping, which are the basis of mineral exploration and development, are of great importance.

The second area where government can assist is in the provision of services. In 1867 - rail across Canada. The recognition then was that transportation was the important service. It is recognized today that transportation is important. Government participates totally in the case of public roads and airfields and substantially in the case of railroads.

I ask the question today: "Should these facilities be put in ahead or should they follow?" The Federal Government takes the view that they should precede, and that they should be put into new and promising areas to open them up for the development that follows. This is not a new philosophy. It built the first transcontinental railway. This is what brought about such things as the Ontario Northland Railway. Both of these were poohpoohed at the time and both have made significant contributions. But, somehow over the years, this philosophy disappeared.