

In summing up I would make one other point, and that is that each method of transport has a role of its own to play. Wherever suitable water transportation is available it remains unparalleled for cheap bulk movement. Railways are the only means of moving basic production in large areas, and serve a diversified traffic throughout the country. Air transport serves the double role of speeding communication and of opening remote areas to exploration and development. Motor trucks have their own special advantages of mobility, and find a place in settled areas on good highways and in remote areas over work roads. The pipeline is a specialized carrier that opens doors closed to other means of transport. Of course there is competition among the various media at many points, but on the whole that is as it should be, for within fairly clear limits competition is healthy. In spite of this there is an overall harmony in the combined service they offer to serve the nation's growth.

A century ago Canada's transportation development was concerned with fish and furs, a half-century ago with lumber and grain, more recently with minerals, pulp and paper and petroleum. Great as our progress has been towards ever higher standards of living, the end is not yet in sight. We have a stubborn faith that it can be continued and accelerated, and we will bend every effort to translate that faith into reality. We owe a debt to modern transportation facilities for our accomplishments and for the promise of the future. But we take a justifiable pride in the vision, the courage, and the initiative with which we have created those facilities and put them to constructive use.

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