

A GOOD MEASURE OF SATISFACTION ... SATISFACTION AT SEEING A DIFFICULT TASK THROUGH TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION - PERHAPS A SURPRISINGLY SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES. AND A GOOD PART OF THAT SATISFACTION RELATES TO THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION WHICH HELPED US TO FORMULATE AND FURTHER CANADIAN OBJECTIVES - A CONSULTATION PROCESS WHICH INVOLVED ALL CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS, FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL, AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE SECTOR GROUPINGS CONCERNED WITH PRETTY WELL EVERY ASPECT OF CANADIAN PRODUCTION AND TRADE. MUCH OF VALUE EMERGED FROM THESE CONSULTATIONS AND, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE THE PROCESS COULD BE IMPROVED UPON, THE DEMONSTRATED CAPACITY OF CANADIANS TO WORK TOGETHER, OFTEN IN CONFIDENCE AND, WHEN NECESSARY, TO FIND THE REQUISITE DEGREE OF COMMON GROUND, NEEDS TO BE REMEMBERED AND CHERISHED IN THE FUTURE.

AND IT HAS BEEN A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO HAVE WORKED SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE MANY ABLE MEN AND WOMEN BOTH OUTSIDE AND WITHIN GOVERNMENT WHO GAVE SO GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO HELP ENSURE THE FUTURE WELFARE OF OUR COUNTRY.

MANY WHO HELPED ARE PRESENT TODAY. IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO MENTION THE NAMES OF SOME AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS, BUT PERHAPS I WILL BE PERMITTED TO OFFER A PARTICULAR WORD OF