

*The Queen's speech at the provincial dinner at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto on June 26, 1973*

I have very vivid and happy memories of the welcome received in Ontario during my previous visits to the province. Tonight, Mr. Premier, your kind words have once again displayed the same generous hospitality which I have come to know so well. We are both deeply grateful.

No one coming to Toronto after an interval of 14 years can possibly fail to notice the changes; the growth and the general improvement of standards. This material development is only to be expected in this age of technological progress. The only danger is to mistake material growth for social improvement. Structures may be bigger and more impressive, means of transport may be more sophisticated and there may be a wider choice of consumer products, but at the centre of it all are men and women and children. They are still the same size, they still function in much the same way and their ordinary human needs are not much different.

It is no good asking the question "Are people happier as a result of all this development?" Because

happiness is comparative and, in any case, satisfaction in the life of individual people is made up of so many different factors. It is difficult enough to define these factors for a homogeneous community but it becomes a real puzzle to provide for all the interests and aspirations of communities with such diverse backgrounds as live in Ontario and in Canada as a whole.

On entend souvent dire que le Canada n'a pas été un creuset et que les canadiens résistent à la fusion. Bien que dans tous les pays les minorités redécouvrent leurs souches et que cela engendre parfois des conflits, le Canada se distingue par son respect de la culture de chacun. Il élève l'identité culturelle au-dessus des débats politiques et en fait un droit. La seule exigence qu'il pose est que tous aient la possibilité de maîtriser l'une des langues officielles ou les deux.

The real measure of success of any community, whether it lives in a modern, urban, industrial world or in primitive conditions, is the sense of freedom, the ability to participate in

self-government and the social and cultural development which make all its members feel that life is worth living.

Mr. Premier, I have been moved and touched by the special warmth of our reception by Canadians, who cherish links between Great Britain and this country. It is a particular satisfaction to me that the Crown can be a powerful link between all the nations of the Commonwealth.

But it is as Queen of Canada that I am here — Queen of Canada and of all Canadians, not just of one or two ancestral strains. I want the Crown to be seen as a symbol of national sovereignty belonging to all. It is not only a link between Commonwealth nations but between Canadian citizens of every national origin and ancestry.

The Crown is an idea more than a person, and I want the Crown in Canada to represent everything that is best and most admired in the Canadian ideal. I will continue to do my best to make it so during my lifetime, and I hope you will all continue to give me your help in this task.

grandfather came as the Duke of York in 1901.

"Police work has always been most difficult and demanding, especially in a free and democratic society. It is going to become more difficult as communities get bigger and life becomes more complicated. It is going to become more demanding as the need to regulate and control complicated, modern communities become more pressing.

"I have complete confidence that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will meet this challenge with the same success as in the past. And it is as a token of that confidence that I present you with this new guidon."

**RCMP response**

Commissioner Higgitt replied as follows:

"Your Majesty, you and your Royal Highness have done the Royal Canadian Mounted Police a very great honour by your presence here today and by taking part in our centennial celebrations. The Royal Canadian Mounted



*Centennial, an RCMP horse, is accepted by the Queen as a gift during the*

*Force's hundredth birthday celebrations at Regina, Saskatchewan, on July 4.*