

Canadians were honoured by the visit of Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Princess Anne, all of whom assisted in the celebrations of the Centenary of the Province of Manitoba and of the Northwest Territories. Their visit to our northern and arctic regions helped to remind the people of Canada of this vast frontier's great potential for growth and development.

Recognizing the promise of the North, you have enacted legislation to promote its development. You have enacted amendments to the Yukon Act, the Northwest Territories Act, and the Territorial Lands Act to provide the residents of those territories with greater responsibility in the administration of their respective governments. You have enacted amendments to the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act, and have passed the Northern Inland Waters Act, and the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act in order to assure that the development of the North's abundant resources will not be accompanied by destruction of its undespoiled environment.

Your concern for the quality of our environment in all regions of Canada also moved you to enact the Canada Water Act which will provide the framework for the preservation and restoration of this most essential of our resources.

You have adopted a number of measures to assist the development as well as the conservation of our natural resources. You have enacted the Saltfish Act and amendments to the Fisheries Act and the Coastal Fisheries Protection Act. You have amended the Territorial Seas and Fishing Zones Act creating, in so doing, new, exclusive fishing zones and protecting this resource from the danger of total depletion.

In order to provide for the more effective administration of our energy resources, you have enacted amendments to the National Energy Board Act and have passed the Dominion Coal Board Dissolution Act. To offer protection from possible hazards resulting from the development of our energy resources, you have passed the Nuclear Liability Act.

In addition to your actions for the responsible development of our resources and preservation of our environment, you have enacted legislation intended to protect and assist the consumer and improve the quality of our life. You have passed the Textile Labelling Act, the Radiation Emitting Devices Act and the Standards Council of Canada Act. You have received for consideration Proposals for Metric Conversion in Canada in order that our country can study the advantages of adopting this widely accepted basis for international measurement and standardization. You have enacted the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, a measure which will make more secure, travel on our highways, and assist in combatting air pollution in our cities.

Protection of the fundamental liberties of all Canadians was extended by amendments to the Criminal Code with respect to hate propaganda, and by the passage of the Expropriation of Land Act. By enacting the Criminal Records Act, and amendments to the Supreme Court Act, you provided for more effective and enlightened reform of offenders and for the better administration of justice. In order that our laws can be reviewed more comprehensively and made to respond more quickly to the needs of a rapidly changing society, you passed the Law Reform Commission Act.

You have taken steps to assist the farmers of Canada by enacting the Prairie Grain Provisional Payment Act 1969-70 and amendments to the Agri-