

Canada: Its Framework, Its Foibles, Its Future

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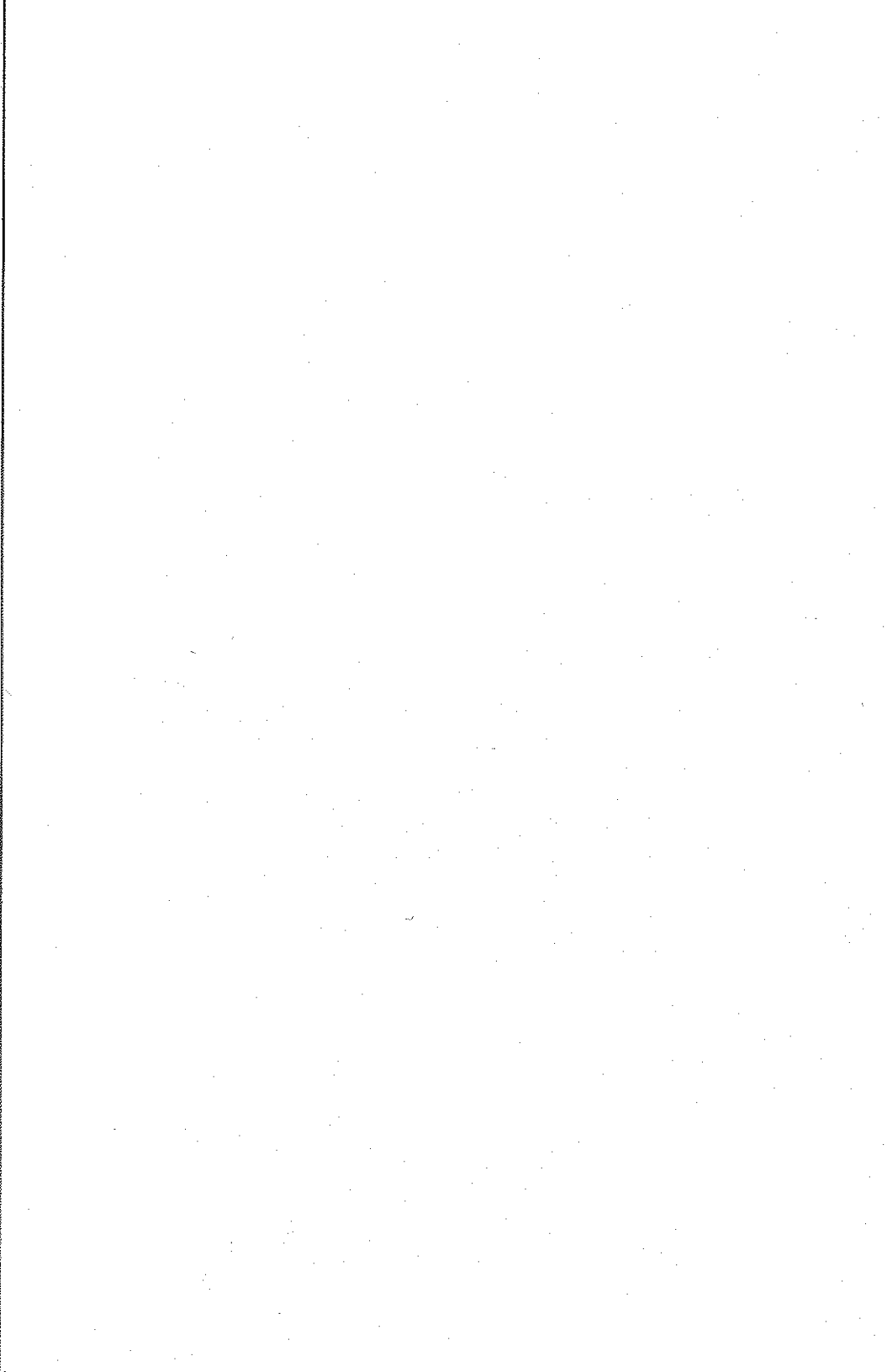
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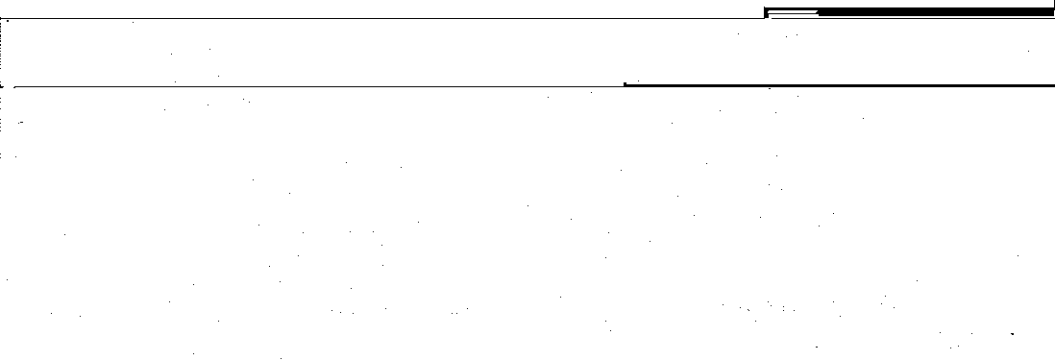
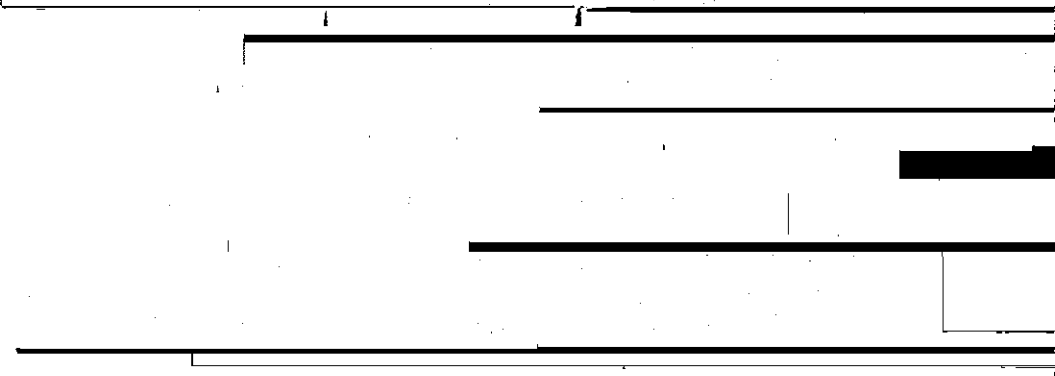
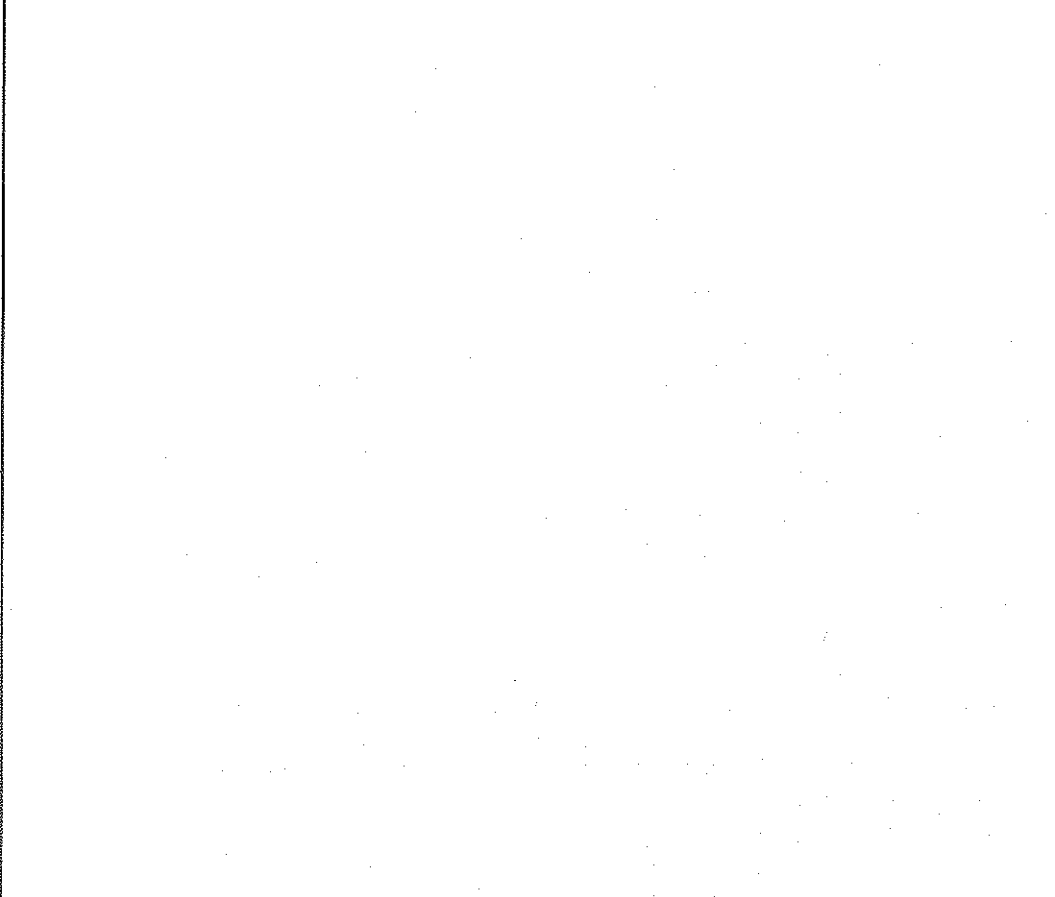
FOREWORD

This essay initiates a new line of publications of the Institute of Inter-



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Le Canada étant un produit du droit, et non l'émanation d'une guerre d'indépendance ou d'une révolution quelconque, son histoire ne recèle aucun mythe ou héros militaires qui, dans nombre de pays, servent de ciment unificateur à la nation. Les thèmes récurrents de son histoire sont plutôt les relations entre l'État



- The accident of European wars, precipitated by European events, spilling over into the fertile valleys and rocky shores of Nova Scotia

ment of judges, the law of abortion, even (you may be surprised to hear) the question of whether margarine could be sold in Newfoundland and whether it can be transported from Newfoundland to other provinces.

Why are Canadians always talking about the constitution, or federal-provincial relations? The answer is that Canada is, to a remarkable extent, a creation of law. Laws and constitutions are what brought us into being, and why we con-

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cuss that effort under three headings: our economy, our culture, and our national institutions.

OUR ECONOMY

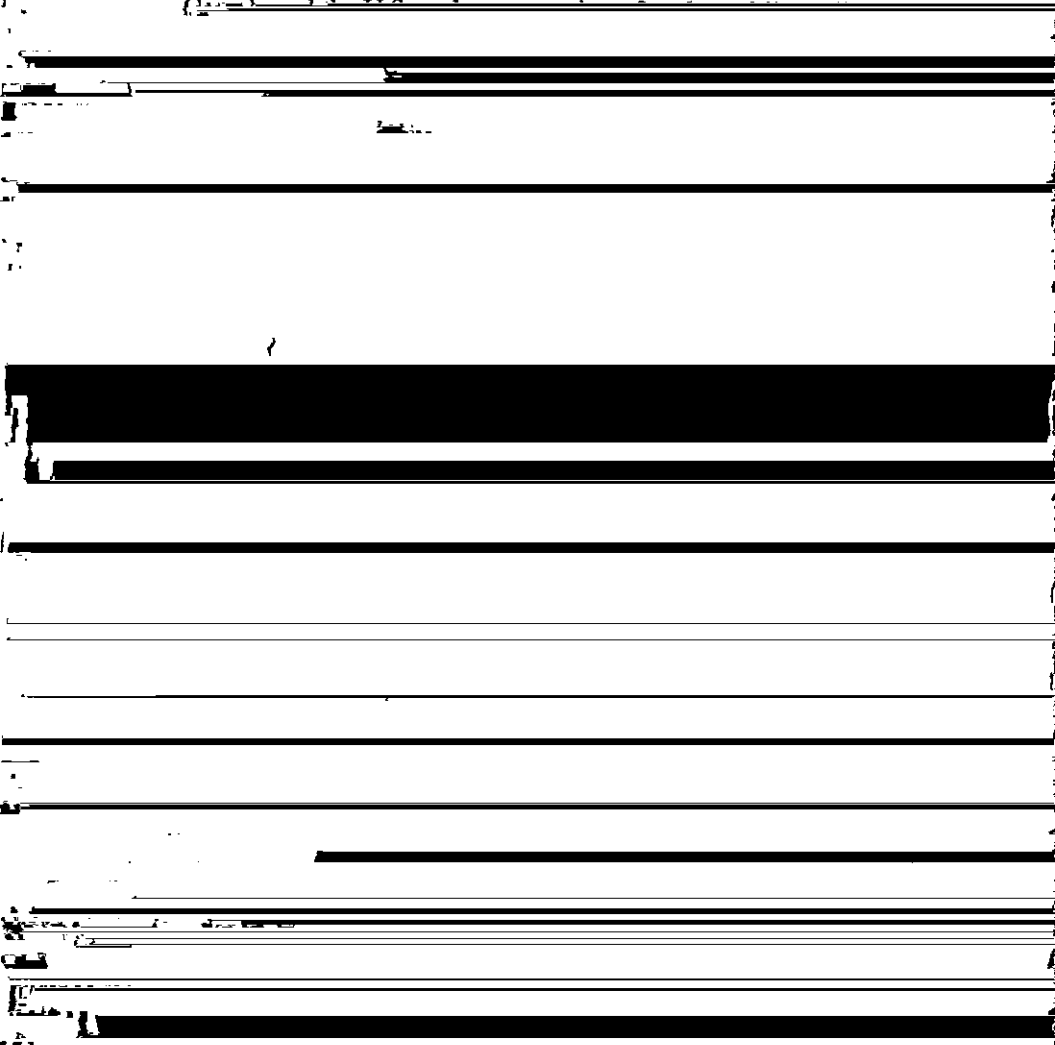
Canada has to make some tough decisions. There are no easy answers, but I suggest that we need a vision of what we want this country to be. Only then can we set out to get there. I invite you to look around the world and note the successful economies of the last twenty or thirty years. It is illuminating to examine how many have had leaders who decided that they could let the unseen hand of

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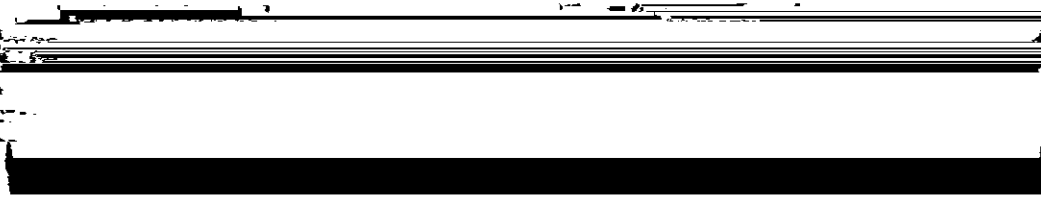
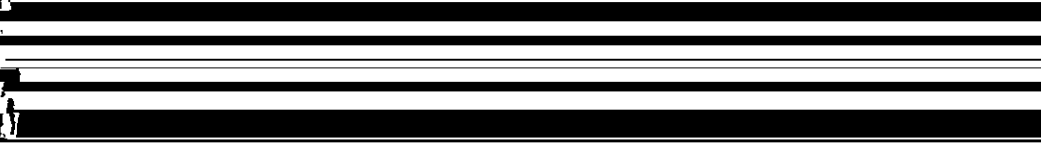

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is no logical relationship between an expansion of trade between



as some to wed our future even more fully to that of the U.S., a country described
by Ambassador Gault as a "historic competitor, conventional ally."



arrangements which have served us well in the past. We should not tie ourselves

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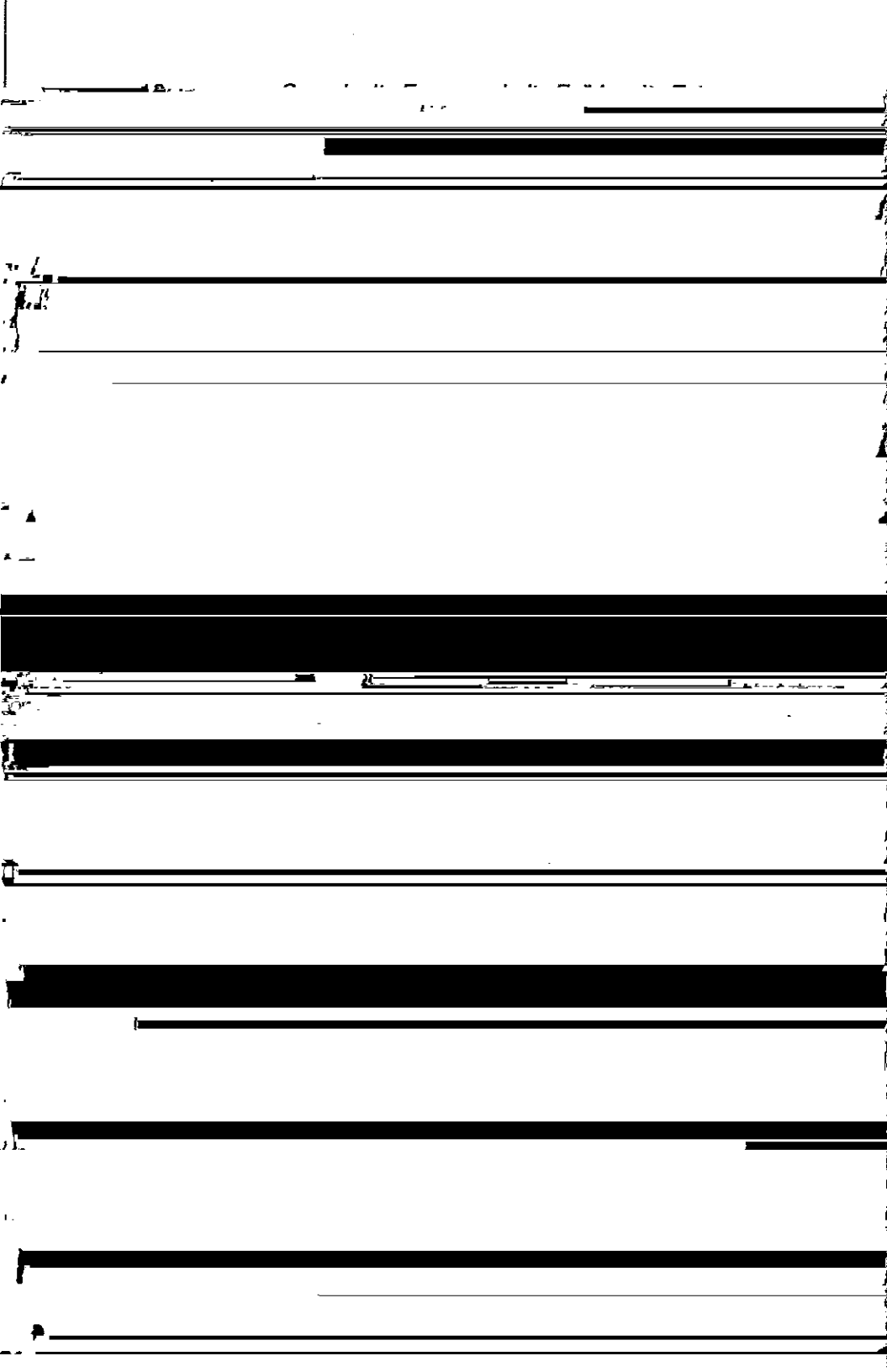
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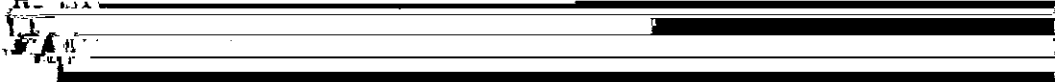
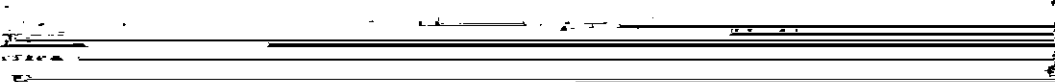
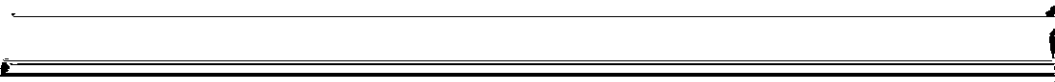
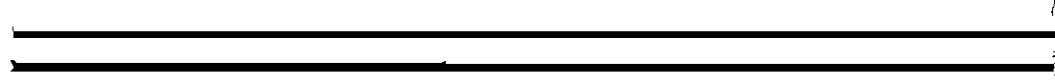
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is a distinct society but a wider definition can be given to the term *distinct*

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which has characterized our history to date, and we must continue to celebrate July 1st as the day when we honour a process of nation building which has yet to be completed.