

Building a better future, together



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At the end of October, together with colleagues from the federal government including the Prime Minister, I took part in the XXVII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians held by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress right here in Winnipeg. The theme was “Stronger Together” – and Manitobans understand how important it is to work together to build a strong community. We continue to welcome Ukrainians fleeing an unjust war to our province, as we support the government of Ukraine in resisting the Russian invasion of their country. The new Ukraine Sovereignty Bonds, just announced by our government, will allow all Canadians to invest in supporting and rebuilding

Ukraine.

We all know that our province is home to a dynamic and vibrant economy, full of skilled workers and world-leading entrepreneurs. And we are known for our transportation expertise, our rich agricultural history, a vibrant arts community, and as a hub of manufacturing for aerospace and life science products, just to name a few.

Our government is committed to helping Manitobans grow the industries of tomorrow. We’re here to help build an economy that is more sustainable and more prosperous for generations to come. With the good work of my PrairiesCan colleagues, this month I announced that we are investing over \$22.7 million in 16 projects across our province to contribute to innovation, growth, and to the recovery of Manitoba’s economy.

These 16 projects will create good, high-paying jobs for Manitobans, boost revenues, and offer new opportunities to our young people. Every one of them brings

exciting possibilities, from ComIT Corp’s expansion of digital skills programming across the prairies with support for underrepresented groups, to the University of Manitoba’s investment in technologies in value-added agriculture to further the development of the protein cluster and their establishment of a controlled facility for testing unmanned aerial vehicles. Red River College Polytechnic will see improvements to their Advanced Composites Development Centre.

And as that great Manitoban leader Louis Riel showed, a strong Manitoba is integral to a strong Canada. Riel insisted on the equal rights of the Métis people and is now recognized as one of the fathers of Confederation. In his honour, I participated in the raising of the Métis flag on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Nov. 16. It was a day of commemoration as we marked the 137th anniversary of his execution in Regina, Sask., in 1885. In remembering our past, we build a better future together.