

THE WORK OF THE **ATKINSON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION** IS INFORMED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF FORMER TORONTO STAR PUBLISHER **JOSEPH E. ATKINSON**. A CHAMPION FOR THE POOR, UNDERPRIVILEGED AND **ESPECIALLY CHILDREN**, ATKINSON BELIEVED IN A STRONG, UNITED AND INDEPENDENT CANADA, ONE BUILT ON FAIRNESS AND **EQUALITY** FOR ALL, A CANADA DEDICATED TO **SOCIAL JUSTICE**. ATKINSON BELIEVED YOU COULDN'T HAVE SOCIAL FREEDOM WITHOUT **ECONOMIC FREEDOM**. HE FOUGHT FOR BOTH. HE WAS AN ARDENT DEFENDER OF INDIVIDUAL AND **CIVIL LIBERTIES** IN CANADA. HE STROVE TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY AND **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT** AND SUSTAINED A FOCUS ON THE **RIGHTS** OF WORKING PEOPLE. ATKINSON ALSO CHAMPIONED THE NECESSARY **ROLE OF GOVERNMENT** TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF ALL. THESE PRINCIPLES REMAIN THE GUIDING FORCE OF THE ATKINSON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.