

or in London that we are an appendage of Washington. If so, this is a reflection of our strong new feeling of national pride, strength and unity. We are also satisfied - even when we look across the border - with our institutions, political, legal and economic. We do not consider them perfect but they suit our environment and our traditions well. They have met some severe tests in recent years and met them successfully. Politically, they are based on the maximum amount of individual freedom within the law and economically on the maximum encouragement of individual initiative within regulations designed to reconcile that initiative with social security and economic stability. For this purpose, we believe that while it is the duty of the state to put a foundation of basic social security under the citizen, it is also the right and the duty of the citizen to build the superstructure himself.

Our institutions, founded on these principles, differ in many ways from yours. They are rooted, however, in the same soil of liberty and self-government, in freedom of expression and in a decent respect for the opinion of those who disagree with us. We Canadians think that in the development of these institutions, inherited from our two mother countries, Britain and France, Canada has something to contribute to North America; something of greater value than would be possible if we did not have a separate national existence. ...

This feeling of national pride which is not, I hope, one of conceit, and this sense of growing national strength has had several manifestations recently, none of which, I want to emphasize, has weakened in any way the admiration and affection we have for our neighbours or the conviction that our destiny is inevitably bound up with yours. One such expression, if I may mention it in Texas, is our decision, indeed our determination, to go ahead with the St. Lawrence Seaway as a Canadian project, as it has been found impossible to build it as a joint effort with you. Fifteen years ago the completion of such a project by Canada alone would have been considered an idle dream, something quite impossibly financially or politically. Now we feel it is a normal job for us to do and one which we are ready, indeed anxious, to undertake and to finish - as finish it we will.

This growing national consciousness in Canada, however, does not carry with it any desire to "go it alone". We realize that no country today can guarantee its security, or ensure its progress merely by its own national action. This is especially true of Canada, both politically and economically; and particularly so in our relations with the United States. In trade, the figures, as I have already shown, tell the story. In strategy our joint defence arrangements with you do the same. The great coalition we have formed to protect the peace is another recognition of this truth. In this coalition, we are a junior partner and you are the great leader. The junior partner, of course, occasionally wonders where and how you are leading us, but this is natural, especially when the stakes are so high. Nevertheless, in this world of many small and two super states, we thank God for our good neighbour, and our free association with friends. In that association we all speak and act as freemen, not as the Communist satellites of a Kremlin dictatorship. I know that you would not have it otherwise, because otherwise our support would not be worth having. As