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An address by Mr. Sidney E. Smith, Secretary of State for External Affairs, to the 208th Annual Meeting of the Halifax Board of Trade, Halifax, Nova Scotia, March, 16, 1959.

It is a great pleasure to me to be with you today on the occasion of your 208th Annual Dinner. Nova Scotia is of course, as I may tell you in confidence, the greatest province in Canada for me! It is difficult to imagine a place where I could feel more at ease and more at home than in what was, for many happy years, my Halifax. Set in my native Nova Scotia, Bliss Carman's lines throw on memory's screen many cherished images for all of us:

"From the sea-light of Yarmouth to
the headlands of Bras d'Or,
From the swinging tides of Fundy to
the wild Southern Shore,
The Gaspereau Valley, the dikes of
Grand Pre,
Farms and mines and fishing fleets,
river, lake and bay,
Lunenburg and Halifax and lovely
Margaree,
Is all the Land of Acadie, the Sweet-
heart of the Sea."

The Halifax Board of Trade -- the first such body to be founded in North America -- has been throughout its long history an institution that has always played a vital role in the life and business of this great city and its important harbour, Canada's Atlantic gateway to the world.

A city whose life and prosperity are so largely dependent upon the steady and expanding flow of trade can never be indifferent to conditions and developments in other parts of the world. Halifax, like Canada, "looks out".