

What I do see for Canada is an opportunity to continue to exploit our proximity to the greatest power on earth as a means of strengthening our own Canadianism. We are a far stronger and independent nation today than we were at the end of the Second World War because we took advantage of our proximity to the United States to become a modern industrial state. Now as the power centres of the world become more diversified, we can, without diminishing our friendship with the United States, extend our contacts East, West and North and thus reinforce our independence and, I might add, our national unity.

This is the kind of nationalism I advocate for Canada. Not an inward looking, fearful nationalism, but a confident, outward looking nationalism, that welcomes contact with other nations, that uses these contacts to enrich Canadian life, that makes Canada a livelier place in which to live and bring up a family.