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Canada as a world power

I should like to conclude with a few words about the emerging nationhood of Canada which has brought us to the position of a world power. From the first week of the war, Canada's war effort has become a growing part of the world-wide fight for freedom. Because of our recognition that attacks upon once-free nations, anywhere in the world, were threats against our own freedom in Canada. We have developed our national strength and productive capacity in an orderly and effective way. Because of that recognition, men of our Army have served in many parts of the western hemisphere, and have stood guard in Britain against the day of supreme effort, the launching of invasion against Germany. Canadians have fought at Hong Kong, at Dieppe, in North Africa, and they will fight again. Men of Canada's navy have served on all the seven seas, and have taken a major part in the arduous tasks of convoy duty in the Atlantic. Airmen of Canada have fought over many battlefronts: the Aleutians, the whole of Europe, North Africa, Egypt and Ceylon. They shared in the Battle of Britain as they share now in the sustained offensive from the skies against Germany and occupied Europe.

The products of Canadian industry and of Canadian farms and forests and mines have combined to create a telling part of the total strength of the United Nations. Food from Canada has gone to meet the civilian and military needs of Britain, and many of the United Nations. Weapons and supplies