

is a mutual arrangement for common defence. All three may appear an inevitable progress dictated by ordinary common sense. But we need only to pause for a moment's reflection to realize that, in the madness of the world today, common sense is the highest statesmanship.

I doubt if any act by a Canadian government, and certainly no development in our international relations, has ever received such unanimous acclaim in this country. So far as I have been able to ascertain, not a single newspaper from coast to coast uttered a syllable of disapproval of the Ogdensburg Agreement itself. Though estimates of its importance and of the contribution made by myself may have varied, almost no voice was raised to decry its significance".

To illustrate the reception given in Canada to the Ogdensburg Agreement, I might cite three brief appreciations, all of which appeared in papers which are frequently critical of the government. The Ottawa Journal of August 19th stated:

"Because they are joint trustees of this North American continent little can be wrong about Canada and the United States setting up a permanent joint board of defence. It is a measure of sane caution."

The same day, the Toronto Globe and Mail said:

"English speaking peoples, and all who love liberty, will applaud the arrangement, which welds the bonds of friendship that have grown steadily stronger in the last century and a quarter."