

On the contrary, America will find herself deeply influenced by Canadian public opinion and especially by Canadian foreign policies. Canada will be looked upon as a valuable friend and a necessary ally.

There is every reason to hope that if the international situation is properly handled, Canada and the United States may shortly after the end of the war enter into a mutually helpful arrangement to ensure the policing of the North American and, possibly, the South American continents. A new doctrine of the nature but without the ambiguities of the Monroe Doctrine may most honourably be declared by both countries. Certainly we should seek to establish by treaty the settlement of all disputes by arbitration and we may find Canada and America playing leading roles in the establishment of that international police force which so many now believe to be the best guarantee against future wars.

Towards the East our policies should walk hand in hand for our problems are identical.

Also, the States gorged with the exiled wealth of war-torn Europe will be for a long time to come the only country in which we may seek capital for our development. To pay for our borrowings we must be prepared to export to them even larger quantities of our natural produce. Every facility should therefore be given to the free flow of trade which will be the very life blood of our country. Fear of political absorption having been for ever destroyed, we may no longer fear to profit by advantageous trade agreements.

With France, I think there will be a very close and affectionate relationship. The courage and nobility with which the French have fought in this war has won the undying admiration of all Canadian soldiers. The industry of her old men and women, the restrained and uncomplaining lives of her citizens, have deeply impressed us all. We have lost many misconceptions of French character and many ignorant and absurd prejudices. We have also come into touch, though not yet sufficiently, with French culture and French social ideas. France will not seem so foreign a country. I think all Canadians after the war will endorse any policy of commercial or diplomatic character which will place us side by side with France in the search for human welfare, and the assuring of the world's peace.

The presence in Canada, too, of a great and powerful French-speaking colony must in time assist in drawing the two countries together.