

to communication and commerce than it is today. Canada is growing to industrial maturity sharing 3,000 miles of common boundary with the greatest industrial power the world has ever known.

This fact has been of very great advantage to Canada. Your capital, your research and your technical skills have been freely at our disposal, and your business men have had the enterprise to jump at the opportunities that have presented themselves to participate in Canadian development.

Nor have Canadians sought to interfere in any way with this fruitful inflow of money and ideas. Quite the contrary. There has been positive encouragement, not only by the federal authorities but by the provinces, which have a good deal of direct responsibility and interest in industrial development within their territories. It is recognized by all responsible elements in Canada that much of the impetus in our current development came from south of the border, particularly in those industries in which Americans are so highly skilled and experienced and in which Canadians have still much to learn.

I might interject to point out, however, that Canadians are, in fact, financing a very high proportion of their current expansion. Since Canadians are free to invest abroad as well as at home without restriction, they chose to invest a fair proportion of their savings outside Canada, mainly here in the United States. You may be surprised to learn, for example, that on a per capita basis Canadians have more invested in the United States than Americans have invested in Canada. We are, in fact, your most important source of outside capital. The result is that Canada has recently depended upon outside capital for about twenty-five per cent of her domestic requirements.

Although Canada is only marginally dependent upon outside capital, these figures do not wholly reveal the importance of United States capital, which has been prepared to undertake projects in Canada which, but for American initiative, might still be dreams, rather than actualities. Oil interests from the United States took the lead in the search for oil and gas in Alberta, which after so many early disappointments has paid off so handsomely. Incidentally, the largest and longest natural gas pipeline ever constructed anywhere in the world is now underway in Canada. It will extend from the Province of Alberta at the one end to Montreal at the other. In the West the main line will be 34" diameter and in the East 30". This pipeline, like so many of our gas and oil projects, is sponsored by United States interests, but I am hopeful that when it is publicly financed a majority of the common stock will, in fact, be taken up in Canada.

You in Milwaukee have a direct interest in this line. It may be that Canadian gas will in the near future add to the supplies available in the mid-west area of the United States. And a very large order for large diameter pipe is being filled by a steel mill located here in Milwaukee.