

fifth ranking country in size. Canada's land area is 3,845,000 square miles, making it the world's third ranking country in point of size. The United States consists of 48 states, each of which has its own government, with a Federal Government at Washington. Canada consists of 10 provinces, each with its own government. In addition, we have the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. Our Federal Government is located at Ottawa, Ontario - not Ottawa, Illinois. In the United States, the state governments and the Federal Government have various authorities and responsibilities assigned to them by the Constitution, whereas in Canada the various provincial governments and the Federal Government have their functions defined by the British North America Act. Your Constitution dates from 1789 whereas ours dates only from 1867. I would gather that your states, quite properly, guard their rights and fields of jurisdiction just as jealously as do our provinces.

Canada's smallest province is Prince Edward Island, with an area of 2,184 square miles, which compares with the land area of your smallest state, Rhode Island, of 1,214 square miles. Our biggest province is Quebec, with an area of 595,000 square miles, as compared with your biggest state, Texas, with an area of 267,000 square miles. Lying north of our provinces and straddling the Arctic Circle, are the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, which taken together account for 40 per cent of the land and fresh water area of Canada.

Those are basic features. In addition, every Canadian knows that the United States is bountifully blessed with resources and has a wide variety of climatic conditions and scenery, all of which, when considered in combination, provide your large population of 157 millions with abundant opportunities to earn their livings on a standard not equalled by any country in the world.

We Canadians know, too, that American citizenship is cherished by each of your citizens and eagerly sought by so many people living under less favourable conditions. Canadians have perhaps had more reason than other peoples to note with satisfaction and with some pride, and certainly with the greatest of admiration, the manner in which you Americans have assumed the responsibilities that necessarily fell upon you as a result of your phenomenal advancement. We have noted, too, the generosity with which you have shared your blessings with other peoples less fortunate than yourselves.

Here on this south side of the border, your interest in Canada has naturally fallen a good deal short of our interest in you. Canada has not meant the same to Americans as the United States has meant to Canadians. I think you will agree, however, that the history of the last 15 years has encouraged many Americans to take a closer look at their northern neighbour. You may have been reading reports lately about the economic expansion taking place in Canada, particularly in the discovery and development of our natural resources. The story is an important one, not least for what it tells us about the economic interdependence of our two countries.

Canada's Development

Let me first say something about the pattern of Canada's development. At the turn of the century our population was