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: Mr. Prime Minister, Mr. Ambassador, friends on the dais, ladies and gentlemen. Being the last speaker before lunch is like being in the rough, I think, in a golf tournament. My knowledge and relationship with Canada, by way of laying out some credentials, I was sketching as I was waiting here, I do know Canada literally from Victoria to Newfoundland. I have caught fish in Lake Nippigan. I saw my first Canadian football game in what was then Port Arthur. I've done business throughout Canada. I have recreated myself and my family throughout Canada. I've enjoyed Canadian culture in its many variations. My family always enjoyed it, and I always look forward to another Canadian experience.

We do have a problem, however, and that's a language problem between our two countries. It's exemplified by the two British ladies who decided to visit Canada, and they got on the Canadian National Railroad and they were going across the vast expanses and enjoying the view and went across the Great Plains area and the train pulled into a station out there in the middle of the Great Plains, and one said to the other, "Well, I wonder, my dear, where are we?" She said, "I don't know. I'll pull this window down and ask that young porter." So she pulled the window down, she said, "I say there, young man," she says, "where are we?" He looked up and he said, "Saskatoon, Saskatchewan." She turned to her traveling companion