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I could, Mr. Chairman, say much more on this subject, "Thoughts on Canada's External Affairs", but I have gone on long enough. My thoughts have not, I fear, been very original, but I hope they may stimulate some discussion and provoke some enquiry.

You may have heard of the story of a conversation between H.G. Wells and a friend, which was interrupted by Bernard Shaw with a question as to what they were speaking about. "I was just thinking out loud" said Mr. Wells. "Oh", replied Shaw, "I thought I heard a faint sound". My faint sound, Mr. Chairman, has ended.

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