

and Mr. Roosevelt conferred on extremely important matters. . . . On two occasions these conferences were held in Quebec. The Prime Minister, representing Canada, participated in many of these discussions. Today he is perhaps the only living man at the head of a government who has had constant contact with these two great world leaders, one of whom is no longer living and the other no longer in power. The Prime Minister of Canada is the only contact of continuity, from one point of view, with respect to many of the matters discussed and decided at those important meetings. . . . The undoubted fact is that the experience, the devotion and the far-sightedness of the present Prime Minister of Canada have made him, as no other man in this country now is, equipped at this particularly difficult period in history to be not only Prime Minister of Canada but to act in the capacity - I trust for some time to come - a minister of external affairs. Mr. Coldwell graciously acknowledged the great record of achievement of the present leader of the House as Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, that we have in the Department of External Affairs one of the best manned departments in the Government of Canada. . . . At the present time the Minister of External Affairs in South Africa is the Right Hon. Jan Smuts, the Prime Minister of that country. The Rt. Hon. Peter Fraser, as Prime Minister of New Zealand, still represents his country at important international gatherings such as that at San Francisco and at the first General Assembly in London of the United Nations. . . ." (1)

(1) Ibid. April 2, 1946. pp.483-484.