

That development, in a word, has been from Canada - a Nation, to Canada - a World Power. The emphasis has shifted in the past 20 years, from Canada's national status to Canada's international status. It is no longer as a nation, concerned almost wholly, or even mainly, with domestic affairs, that we, the citizens of Canada, can afford to view our national activities. Canada, today, is among the foremost of the lesser world powers.

Look for a moment at what the last twenty years have witnessed: the rise of Canada to a foremost rank among nations in industrial capacity; her swift ascent as a trading nation, gaining for her, during the war, second place among world exporters; in war itself, fourth among the allied powers in contributions to victory and world freedom.

In the course of six years of war, out of a population of less than twelve millions, more than a million of her manpower served in the army, navy or air force; another million were engaged in war production. Canada throughout held her high place as a great agricultural country, and producer of raw materials. Foodstuffs in larger quantities than ever came from her fields and fisheries; as munitions, on a scale almost beyond belief, poured forth from her workshops and factories.

Those six years of war witnessed the increase of the army from less than 5,000 to almost half a million; the Navy, at the outset, little more than a name, at the close, third in strength among the United Nations; the Air Force, expanded from

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