

and indeed, in any other country, and it is surprising how often we can match or beat the best anywhere.

Yet how often also do we hear people who for one reason or another, play the role of professional Jeremiahs. Virtually everything that is done in Canada is exposed to the salutary breath of criticism, and that is as it should be. It keeps us on the job trying to surpass those high standards we have set for ourselves.

Sometimes, however, it is refreshing to have a glimpse of our country through the eyes of others. Attendance at the North Atlantic and other international meetings has given me opportunities to see how Canada is regarded by the other nations. I can tell you that no country on earth stands higher than does Canada.

Why is this so? Canada stands high because of the service of our armed forces, because of the assistance we gave other nations during and since the war, because of the able way we have been represented, because of the objective and helpful attitude we have taken, because of the reputation and character of our people, our representatives and our young sailors, soldiers and airmen.

Just think for a moment what a large proportion of the people of Europe would give anything to be able to be in Canada, just where we are.

We are already here, and while we should count our blessings, we must be prepared to defend them as well.

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