

natural beauties and purity of the Great Lakes System. Canadians and Americans now have the opportunity and responsibility to restore to the Great Lakes a large measure of the purity which once was theirs. Every one of us, whatever his special field or knowledge, has to live with the consequences of what man does and is doing to his environment. As a representative of a Toronto constituency I am particularly conscious of the resources our countries possess in the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement not only will protect that resource but it will do a great deal more. In a wide range of man's activities on and in the Lakes we are re-examining those activities to determine their effect on the environment and to compensate for or eliminate that effect where necessary. This Agreement establishes a co-operative framework through which, for many years to come, our two countries will work to defeat a common enemy - pollution. The tribute to our friendship and co-operation enshrined in it will be visible long after any of the present differences between our two countries which, at the moment, seem to loom so large, are forgotten.

It is in this spirit that I see Canadians and Americans living and working together in the future as neighbours and doing their utmost to ensure that the quality of life for all their citizens is as rich as possible.