Canada has been active in the international forum of GATT and has been giving a lead within the Commonwealth. Our relations with our greatest trading partner, the United States are frank and cordial.

That is the framework on which our international trade is based. With foreign trade of such vital interest to all Canadians, it is important that management and labour, business and government, primary producers and manufacturing and transportation industries keep in mind at all times: the importance of our trade abroad. The development of the resources of our country, the opening-up of our North, the advancement of our standard of living - all of these are affected directly or indirectly by the trade we do abroad.

Back of it all is the industry and character of our people. Canada is as much a land of promise as ever in its history. The future beckons to all men and women of faith and courage.

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