

As is the case with every nation, Canada looks upon her domestic and external policies in the light of geography and resources. We are taught that we are larger than the United States in area but that we have less than one-eleventh the population of our neighbour. A very great percentage of our people reside within 200 miles of the border of the United States. But there are people living in almost all other parts of Canada and our communications system is extended to the limit to serve them. We are taught also that there are great natural resources in Canada; that we produce about 95 percent of the world's nickel and very large percentages of many other essential commodities; that four out of every five newspaper pages throughout the world are from our pulp industry. But we are not self-sufficient. We do not raise Florida oranges, nor I hasten to add the California variety either. Our plenty is of natural products which have to be processed either at home or abroad. Without markets abroad we would be bankrupt. Sales to other countries represent about 1/5th of our production. Our working year is shorter than yours, seasonal un-employment is with us every winter due to the rigours of our Canadian climate. Our gross national product at about 21 billion dollars this year is impressive to us, being at the rate of \$1500 for each man, woman and child. But it does not compare with the gross national product of the United States which is \$327 billion @ \$2100. Under these circumstances, while we share many North American views in common with our southern neighbour, we are restricted in our action because of our smaller population, because of our smaller income and because of our greater costs this will account for our generally more cautious approach to all problems.

Since a description of Canada's position in world affairs must necessarily be a description related to something else, it comes naturally to us to compare ourselves with the U.S.A. I would not compete with the columnist in explaining, or as I think the present wording is "interpreting" events. It will be sufficient to say that it should always be remembered that we achieved independence by evolution and not by revolution. This is not to claim any virtue, it is merely to remind ourselves that our development in Governmental matters was slower than yours and tended to preserve what we thought was desirable in the existing system rather than to launch into new methods. One reason why we did not join your revolution was well put by our Prime Minister when speaking to the Economic Club of New York recently, when he said:

"At the time of your War of Independence, the Canadian population was still almost exclusively French-speaking.....and the leaders of your revolution expected to find ready support among the French-speaking Canadians for their revolt against the English. There were several reasons why they did not get that support. One was that the traditional enemy of the average French-speaking Canadian of the 18th century was not the remote English nation across the Atlantic, but the English-speaking people of Boston and New England, the English-speaking people of Albany and the Hudson valley, with whom they had been trading scalps for a century and a half."