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### IT'S DIFFERENT IN CANADA

Address by Davidson Dunton, Chairman, Board of Governors, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, at the Toronto Rotary Club, October 4, 1957.

I imagine that everyone in this room believes it's a good thing that Canada exists as a separate national entity - and that it continue to grow and develop as such. I think any friends from the United States present agree that they would like to see this separate North American nation of ours, friendly but distinct, maintain its own identity. I don't believe any of us think of Canadian nationhood as being against any one or any thing - rather as the sense of being for the maintenance and development of Canadian ways and thinking; that we do not think of being better than anyone else, but a bit different. And the world seems now to contain enough pressures for conformity.

These days there is much talk about Canadians welcoming outside capital, but also wishing to have a reasonable share in the control and operations of industrial concerns in this country. But if it is desirable to want Canadian participation in things economic, it seems equally important that Canadians have a reasonable opportunity to participate in non-economic activities, to supply at least a worthwhile proportion of the fare coming to their own minds.

Nationhood just doesn't depend on statistics of industrial production, or of share-ownership of corporations. In the long run the true worth of a nation will surely depend just as much, if not more, on the quality and quantity of thinking it does for itself. It matters not only to what extent it controls its own economic destinies, but also to what extent it controls and provides its own non-material life.