But its effects are found elsewhere as well.

Some recent research indicates that portions of more than 4,850 streams extending over 8,350 miles in parts of the Southeast and Middle Atlantic states have been acidified and another 25,643 streams are sensitive to acidification.

In the past, when you and we had problems, we grasped the challenge and responded with the International Joint Commission: And with the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

Little more than one year ago President Reagan, speaking in our Parliament, said:

"The Prime Minister and I agreed to consider the Prime Minister's proposal for a bilateral accord on acid rain, building on the tradition of agreements to control pollution of our shared international waters."

We took the President up on his offer and prepared such an accord, one which we think will effectively come to grips with the problem. We think it deserves a serious and credible response.

More than that, it demands it.

As we know from our rivers, you cannot clean up just one stretch while you ignore pollution in another.

Reductions in Illinois will not work if there are no reductions in Ontario. Reductions in Ontario will not be the answer if there are none in Ohio. And so on.

The magnitude of the problem, the absolute urgency with which it must be addressed, the resources we must commit to a solution... all demand the best efforts and the full efforts of our two nations.

We _have_ the knowledge and we _do_ have the resources. What we must also have is the vision and the political will to act; for ourselves, yes, but even more so for those who come after us. The great thing about it is that we _can_ do it.

Our shared history has seen us time after time take bold steps together and in the world at large.

With imagination and will our two countries have demonstrated the best virtues of neighbourliness and by so doing have set an example for the rest of the world.

In the darkness of the depression we moved against fear and blazed the trail for global trade promotion through the GATT.