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privilege and of class division, the unrest resulting from the redrawing of political boundaries, and the upheaval in the social structure which the Great War brought in its train. We recognize that we in Canada are particularly fortunate both in our neighbours, and in our lack of neighbours, and we agree that we cannot reasonably expect our relations and our attitude to be wholly duplicated elsewhere.

The representative of the United Kingdom declared that one country cannot impose its social system or political faith upon another country with different backgrounds. That is equally true of the relations between one continent and another. It is a truth, however, which works both ways. It would be equally unreasonable to expect a North American state to have the same international outlook, the same conception of interest, or of duty, as a European state facing widely different conditions. Perhaps it could be helpful all round if we would recognize that differences in policy where they exist do not represent a superior or inferior outlook but in the main correspond to differences in the circumstances that we face.

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