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An Address by Mr. Sidney E. Smith,
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All of you are aware that I would not be speaking
to you this evening on this subject were it not for certain
important political events which have taken place within
Canada during the past twelve months. Indeed, I have noticed
some speculation in your press from time to time as to what
sort of strange creatures might now be directing the destinies
of Canada as a consequence of two elections which have overthrown
the twenty-two year dominance of Canadian politics by the
Liberal Party and the substitution of the Progressive
Conservative Party. I shall not pretend to make any comparison
between the views and attitudes of our two political parties.
Suffice it to outline what I conceive to be what you would
wish to know about the relationship between the Canadian
Government today and the United States.

It may be more explicit to use the negative statement
that our attitude is <u>not</u> based upon emotionalism. I should
like to divide this statement into four parts:

a) We are most certainly not anti-American.
Mind you, we do disagree from time to time with
certain views and policies of the United States
Administration and with certain actions of Congress.
In fact, it has happened that when we agree with
one we find ourselves in disagreement with the other.

b) At the same time, we do not pretend that
we can overcome problems by blinding ourselves to
their existence. We seek, however difficult that
may be, to be objective and realistic. We realize
that in the United States, just as in Canada, those
who are charged with responsibility under our
respective forms of government must have the interests
of the people of their country as their primary and
continuing concern. To this I would hasten to add