

repeatedly, that members of governments of these countries have not seen, among those who are carrying on work in international fields today, the superiors of the men and women in the Canadian public service.

(applause) One has only to visit the United Nations to see that, among those who are participating in its discussions, whether it be among the trained diplomats or those who are present merely as representatives,

our small Canadian contingent can hold its own with any corresponding group.

My purpose in speaking of public officials is not only because I feel so strongly that such success as I myself may have had over the years is due in such large measure to their abilities, but because I believe this to be true of much of the success of government itself. I do not mean party government; I mean the kind of democratic government it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain in the world at this time.

I have great hope, strong faith, and a firm belief that Canada, through her administrative and diplomatic services, is going to be one of the really