

ernment? Yet I gather that there is strong opposition in some quarters to union, and that the opponents feel that both villages would give up something valuable by it.

Please do not think that I am taking sides over this issue, which is strictly your own affair. But multiply all the arguments against union a thousand fold; translate them into fifty mutually incomprehensible languages; spice them with a score of different ideologies; inflate them with innumerable deep suspicions, old jealousies, and bitter memories of past injustices. That might give a general idea of why all is not light and loving kindness at Lake Success, and of why we must have patience and faith and forbearance, neither expecting too much nor being content with too little.

CANADA'S RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

It is a frequent practice - a practice which is very familiar to Canadian Ambassadors to the United States - to point to the relations between my country and yours as models for the international community as a whole. This has been so often repeated that it is a well-worn platitude; but we should remember that platitudes are frozen truths. I was invited to say something tonight of the nature of these relations and, being an obedient person, I propose to do so.

No one could sever the ties between our two countries. No one could even enumerate them. They are to be found in every field of life. This does not mean that we do not have differences, nor does it mean that the problems which arise are easy to solve. Canada is not a northward extension of the United States except in a geographical sense, and Canadians, because they constantly are aware that their country is far less powerful and wealthy, are often inclined to be touchy about their rights. They are tempted at times to complain that they are subjected to unfair pressure, and Americans are at times moved to complain that Canadian policies are selfish. There have been outbursts of unwisdom in both countries. Throughout, however, on both sides of the boundary it is never questioned that in no circumstances will any differences which may arise be settled by a resort to force. The Canadian people realize that they are very fortunate in their one great neighbour. I think that the people of the United States are not exactly disappointed that it is with Canadians that they share most of the continent.

When people in Canada refer to foreigners, they consciously or unconsciously are likely to exclude Americans from that description. Generally speaking, it is also true, I think, that Americans do not regard Canadians as foreigners. There is so constant a mixture of our two peoples that such a conception does not easily arise. Over the years many Americans have moved north into Canada, starting with the migration after the American Revolution of numbers of those whom you call "royalists" and we call "loyalists". Later on the settlement of southern Ontario and of the prairies was carried out in part by large numbers of Americans who moved west and north. As the frontier of settlement receded to the Northwest, it was followed by pioneers who liked the frontier life and did not bother much about boundaries.

A still greater flow, however, has come from Canada to the United States, a flow which is sometimes too large for Canadian comfort. In the census of 1940 there were about half a million unnaturalized Canadians resident in the United States; and, since Canadians who move south of the line often become quickly naturalized, this was only a fraction of the total number.

The people of the United States have given up the once-popular idea that it is their "manifest destiny" to rule the whole continent. The people of Canada, who started later and have had a harder time building a nation, have given up the idea, which at some periods a number of them held, that they should merge their political destinies with the United States. One of the main reasons why the two nations have so decided is that they have found that with care, goodwill, forethought and perseverance they can work together when they need to work together, and that is very often.