

human spirit was their purpose. As a result of their work, better men have left these college halls, better citizens have gone out into many communities. ...

### Canada and the U.S.

In our complex world, the leadership we need is of many kinds and must operate in many fields. In seeking it, I believe that your country and mine can work, must work, together. Of all the reasons for this, the most important is that together we can contribute more to the fundamental needs and hopes of free men that either of us can contribute alone.

We in Canada are your northern neighbour, and, in a sense, your closest neighbour. Our common border spans a continent and runs close to many of the biggest centres of population in both of our countries. Its importance to both of us was recognized in the communiqué issued by the President and myself after our recent meeting at Hyannis Port. I would like to quote two sentences from that communiqué:

"While it is essential that there should be respect for the common border which symbolizes the independence and national identity of two countries, it is also important that this border should not be a barrier to co-operation which could benefit both of them. Wise co-operation across the border can enhance rather than diminish the sovereignty of each country by making it stronger and more prosperous than before."

From this co-operation we both have much to gain for ourselves. Materially, our trade is the biggest between any two countries in the world. But there is a far wider point than that. It is of the utmost importance that the relations between our two countries should be an example to the world; an example of how two free and independent countries - of great disparity in power - can work together without fear on the part of the smaller, or force on the part of the larger.

Let me put it in a different way, and with the bluntness that we can use with each other. If United States co-operation with Canada were not close and happy, with whom could you co-operate closely and happily?

This point was forcibly put, six years ago, by a Canadian writing in that great American journal Foreign Affairs. He said:

"The ability of the United States to get on well with Canada is the first and most direct test of her ability to get on well with every other smaller power ... Canada is the world's hostage of American good intentions. Canada is of good repute in the free world. If Canadians