

Canada does not ask for favours, but the reduction of this imbalance requires that there be greatly increased imports of Canadian manufactures and other commodities into the United States.

In saying this, I want to make it clear that much has been accomplished in trade relations between our countries and that many difficulties and problems have been resolved in recent years.

While each of our countries maintains its individuality and sovereignty, a common heritage and belief in freedom, geography, history and traditions unite us. The problems which arise between us must be settled with infinite responsibility, consideration and tolerance for each other, thereby giving to the world an example of international neighbourliness.

The essential unity between our countries is based on a common approach to the decencies of international living, to the shared belief that poverty, disease and illiteracy can be eradicated, and to a faith based on the sure knowledge, born of experience, that peoples of goodwill can live in amity and justice.

What role is expected of us in the years ahead? Among the Western nations we are a citadel of defence and joint custodians, with Europe, of Western civilization. We provide for the oppressed and under-developed peoples an example of a political and social system based on human values, based on freedom and the recognition of the human personality. But more is required, for being bountifully blessed by the possession of vast resources, our peoples have a paramount responsibility to help in narrowing the gulf in living standards between the developed and under-developed areas of the world.

Bernard Shaw once said:

"True joy in life is to align oneself with some mighty purpose and not get entangled in the petty troubles of life."

That epitomizes the role that we and other free nations must play. That mighty purpose is no less than the future of free mankind.