

But, the suspicions and the prejudices born of history which, as was for long the case in respect of the Civil War in the United States, still haunt the peoples of Europe will be gradually eliminated only with the passage of time and as the free nations draw closer to each other in mutual dependence.

And to say that is not to be critical of European countries—these conditions are the product of history, not the wilful wish of the nations of today. These nations have lived through bitter trials and troubles—through wars almost without end—through vicissitudes unknown to us on this continent.

Is there no way by which we can assist these countries toward greater mutual confidence by familiarizing them with the joint experience of Canada and the United States, which for a century and more have never failed to solve their difficulties by peaceful means and without impairing their friendly relationship?

Surely there must be some way of making the history of our joint relationship a power for good, a compelling power for the establishment and maintenance of peaceful relations, of sensible settlements of disputes and difficulties between nations.

Our two countries have surely set an example, for the rest of the world. How can we make the example more effective in the cause of peace?

I leave that question with you. The organizations represented here tonight are all dedicated to the cause of peace. Can you not help make more effectively and widely known to all the world that Canada and the United States have learned how to live in peace, have learned how to settle their troubles as they arise, how to do so while maintaining their friendship and respect for each other?

If this could be accomplished, a great forward step would have been taken, I am sure, toward the goal for which we all strive—a world at peace—a happier world than we have ever known—a world where progress beyond man's fondest dreams may yet be possible.

St. Lawrence Seaway

The co-operation which has been shown by both Canada and the United States over recent months in that huge navigation and power project — the St. Lawrence Seaway — now well on the way to completion has been indeed remarkable. The problems to be tackled were tremendous. Apart from the sheer physical magnitude of the project, there were many large and difficult problems to be overcome. State, provincial, municipal and federal interests had to be reconciled. Towns and villages had to be moved. Territories set aside as Indian reservations