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## EXPANSION WITHOUT INFLATION

Excerpts from a speech by Mr. Donald M. Fleming,  
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.... I have had the good fortune over the past several weeks to attend international financial gatherings of the highest importance, first the meeting of the Commonwealth Economic Consultative Council in London, and then the Annual Meetings of the Governors of the International Bank and the International Monetary Fund at Washington. These meetings have offered opportunities not only for general discussion, but for direct talks with some of the leading banking, financial and monetary authorities in the world. I return to Canada with convictions fortified by the best opinions available in the leading countries abroad. No one could participate in these valuable discussions without being profoundly impressed by the enormous recovery in Europe and the formidable contribution which hard work, self-discipline and financial statesmanship have made to the restoration of Europe's currencies to soundness and strength. The economic outlook of the Western World has improved enormously in the past two years, particularly in the industrial countries. The expansion has already gone a long distance, but the possibilities of further economic growth in the present phase are not exhausted in the world, any more than they are here in Canada.

### Economic Review

During the past three years Canada has passed through a fairly complete business cycle. The period has presented almost every variety of economic and fiscal problem. It has in a sense been an economic microcosm. It has required on the part of the Government a flexible and adaptable approach to changing conditions. This is the note that I sought to sound in my Budget Speech on April 9.