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administration over the years, (laughter) That is a debt I shall always be prepared gratefully to acknowledge.

There is one group of persons of whom I should like to make special mention this afternoon, in just a word. They are the officials of the public service. I feel that far too much credit is given to the few of us who are in the limelight, and that far too little credit is given to those who fill the office of advisers to the Ministers, and who have to do with the work of the administration; and that far too little is known of the services they render.

I do not believe there is another country in the world with a better Civil Service than Canada, or a finer diplomatic service. We may not have the largest public service in the world, but I believe that in quality our service is not surpassed. I can say that because of the knowledge which has come to me through observation over the years. I can say it, also, because of what I have heard and learned from others. It should be a matter of tremendous pride to all who have any association with Canada, when visiting the United States, the United Kingdom, or any other country, to be told, as I have been told