

can go, however, will depend on two things; on the energy and intelligence we show in conducting our own affairs, and on the international trading policies of others. So far as we are concerned, if we sit back - in Ottawa or in Hamilton - and let nature take its course; if we blind ourselves to the implications of the far-reaching changes that have taken place in international trade and political balances; if we rely on old patterns of trade being continued indefinitely, or on old policies which have served us well continuing to work in changed conditions, we'll get into trouble.

At the same time, even if we avoid these pitfalls, we may still find ourselves in trouble if the United States, for instance, refuses to recognize the implications of its world creditor position or of its trade balances with Canada; or if the sterling area maintains its restrictive dollar policies one moment longer than is absolutely essential on financial grounds.

It's a complicated and difficult situation. It's a tough problem for any country, and a very tough one for a country like ours; dependent as we are on foreign trade, and with half a continent which can only be developed as we want it to be developed by the proceeds of that trade.

But tough problems are made for tough people, and we Canadians are tough people.