

spirit of tolerance and in the air of freedom. Does anyone think that this could have been done by governments alone? Does anyone imagine that this springs merely from our having a common language or a common frontier? Does anyone believe that a people who were the ignorant instruments of the ambition of their leaders could achieve so much in understanding? Does anyone think that two dictatorships could ever have accomplished this tremendous, unique, feat? Only the free can be friends.

Lincoln once asked "Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people. Is there any better or equal hope in the world?" And is there any better hope for the world than that other nations should learn from our two peoples how to become "Good Neighbours"?

This spirit of neighbourliness is expressed and stimulated in organizations like International Kiwanis. You have followed the practice of erecting memorials along the border with the inscription on each, "This unfortified boundary line between Canada and the United States of America should quicken the remembrance of more than a century-old friendship between these two countries, a lesson of peace to all nations". Today on the banks of the St. Lawrence you are placing a monument to a great forward step in the achievement of understanding and co-operation between our countries.

I am sure that I express your feelings as well as ours when I say that we must never be complacent or superior about our happy situation and our good relations on this continent. The community to which we, on both sides of the border, all belong is based on a profound belief in the principles of political freedom, tolerance and honest friendship; we must never forget that our way of life was made possible by great natural resources and geographical advantages, and we must never forget that all that we prize was earned by hard work. The one sure way of losing our heritage is to begin to think that peace, security, progress, prosperity or happiness are either automatic or easy. These are all different facets of liberty, and the fight for freedom has to be won over again each day so long as life lasts, for we on this continent believe that there can be no life without liberty.

On many occasions in history no doubt, kings have met on frontiers to exchange social calls and dispense dynastic courtesies with one another. The leaders of neighbouring peoples have at such places spoken words of temporary healing in the language of diplomacy. But I venture to believe that this is the first occasion when two Ministers of Defence (not Ministers of War, mark you) have met together on an unarmed frontier to rededicate their nations to the great cause of mutual peace.

I don't imagine that any of us will be deterred by fulminations by the propagandists of other countries. They charged me with being a tool of Wall Street. Well, I haven't got my payment yet, and never will because it will never be offered and never be taken.

Canada and the United States will continue to work together without thought of aggression, but strong in the determination that neither failure from within nor attack from without shall cause either of us to lose the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness".

So we work together. What better reason could there be?

The Permanent Joint Board worked successfully during the war. Mr. Mackenzie King tells me that the word "Permanent" was used deliberately and after consideration. It seemed sensible that something which had worked so well in our common interests during the war should work equally well in the maintenance of our security. On February 12, 1947, the extension of the existence of the Board was formally recognized in joint declarations by the