

on investment in Canada is toward the development of manufacturing of lines not now produced in our country. Our imports of fully-manufactured articles exceed our exports by hundreds of millions of dollars annually. This is a fertile field for business enterprise and for national growth.

Foreign investors are looking with increased interest to Canada. Information reaching me from our field men abroad and from foreign visitors indicates a keen awareness of the opportunities for successful investment, not only in established industries in Canada, but in new enterprises. The government will continue to stimulate the broadening of our industrial base.

Government policy has been directed along several lines - the shielding of the domestic market against disastrous dumping practices, the sponsoring of trade missions abroad, the promotion of Commonwealth economic conference, the steady development of our export trade by the maintenance of an active trade commissioner service in 45 foreign countries, the closest co-operation and consultation with our largest trading partner, the United States. These are the measures and the policy whose effect is evident in the maintenance of Canada's position as the fourth largest trading nation in the world. That position can be strengthened by continued effort and by close co-operation between government and business. The objective for both is the same - the development of Canada.

Future Prospects

The prospects for Canadian manufacturing in the future appear to be bright. One year ago the Prime Minister addressed your annual meeting. He mentioned the period of economic adjustment through which we were passing. He drew attention to the sharp economic set-back in the United States. He pointed out the adverse effects on Canada as a major world supplier of minerals and forest products. But he indicated his optimism based on the traditional enterprise of Canadian businessmen as a stabilizing factor and on the government measures aimed at stimulating the economy. His optimism of a year ago was fully justified. We are now viewing steadily rising economic activity in Canada, in the United States and throughout the world. We have seen our export trade make a good recovery during the last few months, with a prospect now of establishing a record for the year. We are observing signs of increasing activity every month on the domestic scene.

We are a nation of pioneers. We have moved in the last two hundred years from a small population engaged in fur-trading, fishing, lumbering and farming to a position of importance as a world trader and an industrial nation destined to greatness. The pioneer of the canoe and the oxcart has been replaced in the 20th century by the pioneer of industry. The