

enable us to concentrate on the consolidation and improvement of what we have. Indeed that process of consolidation has now begun. Canada need have no ambition to ape the big Powers, nor to extend her diplomatic activities for the mere sake of prestige. I can assure you that there is no disposition in any responsible quarter, certainly not in the Department of External Affairs, to open more "branches" than are absolutely necessary. Nor indeed have we any desire to take in any more territory in any sense beyond what is required by the necessities of the case and the proven interests of the country.

Mr. President, I have tried in my remarks to draw a matter-of-fact picture of the Canadian Foreign Service, to give a brief but down-to-earth account of what Canadian diplomats do with their time - for your money. In fact, I have tried to expose some of the brass tacks of Canadian diplomacy. I regard it as an honour to be the permanent head of the Department of Government which conducts your affairs with other nations. And, since I can take no credit for their virtues (for I have been associated directly with the Department for less than a year), you will permit me, I know, to express some pride in the young Canadians who make up our diplomatic team. I sincerely believe that for industry, intelligence and patriotism, the men and women of External Affairs have nothing to fear from comparison with any other organization, public or private, in this or any other country.

The great issues of national and international security, of peace and war, of the survival or submergence of the free way of life; these will not be determined by Canadian diplomacy. But, in the struggle to solve these immense problems, Canada has a part to play which is by no means insignificant in the Councils of the Nations. I believe that your servants in these tasks are not unworthy of their trust.

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