

the security and well-being of all peace-loving nations will depend ^{upon} on the capacity of the nations of the Commonwealth, and of our nearest neighbour, the United States, to continue to give world leadership by setting an example of peaceful co-operation and mutually profitable trade between peoples of many nationalities, of many races, and of many tongues. Throughout the war, we all marched side by side united in the defence of our ideals of freedom and the democratic way of life. In these unsettled post-war years, we must continue to march together, not by ourselves, and for ourselves only, but as part of a larger company of nations united in the service of mankind.

In conclusion, Mr. ^{Chairman} Andrews, I must extend a word of congratulation and thanks to yourself and your fellow officers on this auspicious reopening of the British Empire Building with its splendid exhibits of British Commonwealth products. It would be difficult to find means to disclose more effectively the importance of inter-Commonwealth trade, than the ceremony of this evening, supplemented as it is by this Exhibition.