

to all the British peoples So it is in the history of our race. Ideas, how slowly they travel; arguments, how slowly they are apprehended; action, how slowly it follows upon conviction".

Based on a common faith in and devotion to the same abiding principles of liberty and peace, the relationships between us constitute a model for mankind. And so they must remain. Now, and in the future, that need has been intensified by the developments of science in intercontinental ballistic missiles and Canada's strategic position as the neighbour of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.

It is necessary for both of our nations to carefully examine that relationship, not only for the benefit of our respective countries, but for the contribution we can make in unity for all mankind.

There is a desire among the people of your country to understand not merely Canadian problems, but to understand Canada and Canadians.

I can assure you that there is a universal desire among Canadians to increase their understanding of the United States and to the end that our unity of purpose shall remain unimpaired.

In population the United States is ten times greater than Canada; economically the United States is about twenty times as strong. We live as it were as two families in the same house - one continent - in which one of the occupants is a giant, and with another giant just around the corner who does not share our views.

We have difficulties arising from our trade relations and in particular from the fact that while there has been a continuing unfavourable balance of trade for Canada over the years, in the last two or three years we have been purchasing from the United States more than a billion dollars a year more than the United States has purchased from us, and that in the disposal programme of agricultural products by the United States, Canada has been materially hurt economically.

A major source of difficulty has been the disposal programme of surplus farm products abroad which has had the effect during the last two or three years of detrimentally affecting Canada (which depends heavily on wheat exports) by way of barter deals and subsidized tied sales which in our opinion go beyond what is fair and competitive.

We are united in our defences both in Europe and in North America. We have recently entered into the NORAD Air Defence Agreement (which will come before the Canadian Parliament on Tuesday for approval) which is indicative of the co-operation necessary in the interests of survival for both of us and for freedom itself.