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When I spoke here on August 27th 1927 I said

"I believe that some of us who are present
"at this gathering will live to see the Exhibition
"representative not only of the Provinces, the Dominions,
"and the British Empire, but of all the countries of
"the world."

And that, ~~Mr. President~~, is very close to what we have today.

[Upon this achievement, and upon the successful re-opening
of our great National Exhibition after the lapse of five
years, I should like, in my own name, and on behalf of the
government, to extend to you, Mr. President, and to your
fellow Directors, heartiest congratulations upon a service
all
to/Canada. It is a service which, at this time of inter-
national reconstruction, is not without significance to the
entire world. *W.S. Mannie said - international outlook*

The re-opening of this Exhibition, after a lapse
of five years, marks an important milestone in Canada's
return from the stress of war to the ways of peace. As such
it is radiant with hope and promise to other countries, as well
as our own.

Let us admit at once that the two years that have
elapsed since hostilities ceased have not witnessed the
progress for which we had all hoped in the settlement of the
world's ills. The world is still in a troubled state. To repair
the ravages of war is proving
~~is proving~~ an even longer and more arduous task than had been