

assuring that the producer in our various countries should not find himself from year to year with varying returns based on international requirements and on the laws of supply and demand. At the Conference, we achieved a good deal. The United Kingdom and Australia removed certain discriminatory practices in trade; we took our stand by freezing our tariffs as between the United Kingdom and other countries within the Commonwealth, and in addition to that, the foundations were laid for mutual assistance. In other words, the joining together of our resources - not to control, as I said a moment ago, but to assure an expansion of trade, and also to assure that each of us will to a greater extent than ever before, expand and develop that spirit which is inherent in the Colombo Plan.

I am going to summarize our attitude on the Colombo Plan in this way. The basic principles of Canadian policy in economic co-operation can be summed up in these words:

Canada answers in action rather than words; Canada tries to offer understanding rather than sympathy; Canada aims at the development of a systematic programme of co-operation rather than handouts dictated by expediency; Canada seeks to help without taking political advantage and without attaching strings to tie the hands of the nations involved. It's just as simple as that. What advantage is there to us, I ask anyone here? What are we going to gain from it, except the realization that within the Commonwealth, if it means something, there must be developed the spirit which indicates that each of us has a responsibility to the other.

Then I want to say one other word: Canada is a nation, south of which lies the United States of America, - 3,500 miles of undefended frontier on which any suggestion of war has been ruled out beyond any possibility. That is how far we go. We do not always agree. Some times we disagree, but we solve our disagreements in a spirit of negotiation and conciliation. In other words, when I hear it said that the United States of America is aggressive in its attitude, I say, after all, judge them on the basis of the position Canada occupies with reference to that nation. They are all-powerful economically, with the highest standard of living in the world; yet we have lived side by side for almost 100 years since Confederation in 1867. But at no time have we had the slightest reason to believe that the United States of America, in anything that it did toward us, had as its purpose, indirectly or directly, the annihilation of our rights or the acquisition of our territory. And when they speak of the United States going elsewhere, I cannot think of any country that would be more beneficial for the United States to acquire than our own, with the tremendous resources that we have in minerals, in oil and all those things that go