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After the First World War, the growth of independence in Canada was most marked and resulted in a serious consideration by Canadian statesmen of the problems of the world and our share in them, because we found that hand in hand with independence went a greater responsibility. And so, as I have said, we entered the Second World War at the beginning after debate in our own Parliament, and began the mobilization of our resources for what everyone considered would be a long war. If you had come to Canada in September of 1939 you would have been struck by a feeling of great discouragement which had nothing to do with our expectations as to the outcome of the conflict. It was a feeling almost of despair for the human race. You had the opportunity of becoming conditioned to this world situation so that when you entered the war it was with an economy partly geared to it and a state of mind wholly different from ours. We both emerged from the Second World War determined to avoid another, and insofar as Canada was concerned this meant taking a greater part in responsibility for peace - that is, a reversal of our general policy of pre-war 11 years. You also reversed your pre-war policy.

Here may I dispose of some fallacies about the Second World War. It is still believed in some parts of the United States that Canada received Mutual Aid during the War. We did not, we paid cash for whatever we received from you. In fact, we had a Mutual Aid programme of our own which was made available to our Allies, including the United States. Some of our Allies took advantage of it although the United States did not. And since Marshall Aid became available we have only received it indirectly in that some countries who received it directly expended a portion of it in Canada.

Other results of World War II were the tremendous growth in the industrial capacity of Canada and the rather remarkable growth in the population of our country. As a result of the closer contacts during the war years the people of Newfoundland decided to join Canada and this union was effected three years ago. After deducting this unusual increase in numbers (over 300,000), we find that our population has grown in the last ten-year period by over 18 percent and this increase, together with the expansion of industry during the war years, is changing Canada's viewpoint on many things. We are by no means self-sufficient nor do we particularly wish to be, but neither are we as dependent on others as we once were. Perhaps the best evidence of that is the recent announcement that we were prepared to go it alone on the St. Lawrence Waterway. Such is our confidence in Canadian productive effort and Canadian financial stability that we are ready to undertake an expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars on this project alone without curtailing other Governmental activities. We hope we are not misunderstood. We know that we must have a partner in the hydro-electric project connected with the Seaway and whether that is the State of New York or the U.S.A. Federal Power Authority is not, of course, for us to say. A project of this size with a cost comparable with our pre second world war budget is now planned by the Canadian people without misgivings. Perhaps we are now a little less cautious than we once were, perhaps we do now expect and believe that our growth will be comparable to your own of by-gone decades.