

taller stacks as well as controlling their emissions. These taller stacks are spreading current emissions far and wide. Thus, part of the answer to one problem has become part or cause of another problem — acid rain. It is time for both countries to look at laws and regulations. It is time to revise our legislation in a manner conducive not only to maintaining and improving local air quality but to reducing long-range transport of air pollutants. Continuing only to focus our attention on local air quality will do little or nothing for acid rain.

The things we will each have to do to solve the acid rain problem will be quite different. The relative importance of emissions from various source sectors in our two countries dictates this. In eastern Canada almost 50 per cent of our SO₂ emissions come from non-ferrous smelters and less than 20 per cent from utilities. In the eastern U.S. about two-thirds of your SO₂ emissions come from utilities.

We are faced today with a genuine environmental and ecological crisis. It is every bit as serious as the one faced by Theodore Roosevelt in the early years of this century, when he pushed your nation's first comprehensive land use, conservation and national parks program through a hostile Congress. He did so in the face of opposition from special interest groups such as the railroad trusts, the mining and lumber industries, and the cattlemen. Teddy Roosevelt's words still have a lot of meaning for us today:

"To waste, to destroy our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them amplified and developed".

As Teddy Roosevelt preserved your national parks, we have to ensure that our precious water resources are saved for our descendants. In the past, when we spoiled the land by overtimbering, overgrazing or unwise plowing, we could always move on; move west. We might be tempted to repeat this past history of the depredation of the land in our use of water resources. It is no longer possible. The number of our lakes and streams is limited; once they are gone, spoiled by pollution from whatever source, that's it. We can no longer move over the next ridge to discover a new waterway.

Today, we must all be conservationists. The first duty of the angler and hunter, manager, scientist and politician is to ensure the protection and perpetuation of our land and water resources. Those who come after us will need them. Therefore, I salute you, members of the Georgia Conservancy League, for I know that this is your goal as well.

I hope that I have been successful in seeking to enlist you to help us Canadians fight our acid rain battle, for I know what a valuable ally you can be. I further hope that we shall win our war, for then and only then will I be able to continue to invite you to come to Canada to enjoy the fishing.

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