

On behalf of the government and people of Canada, as well as on behalf of the Overseas Branch of the Toronto Board of Trade, I should like to thank the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and the other Prime Ministers and Ministers of the Commonwealth for the addresses to which we have just been listening. Their addresses have helped, as the spoken word so well can do, to make us conscious of the vastness of an inheritance we share in common.

What has impressed me most, in the several addresses we have heard tonight, is not merely the note of good-will which was sounded so clearly, but the emphasis placed upon common interest and mutual helpfulness. I liked, too, the understanding sympathy expressed for Britain in her present anxieties. As you, Mr. Chairman, have said, if there remains a wound in the side of Britain today, it is there because of the gallant part she played, together with the Dominions, while other forces of freedom continued to muster their strength.

It is only beginning to be realized that ~~the~~ economic wounds, which become fully exposed only when actual warfare has ceased, are almost as cruel in their effects, and almost as difficult to heal, as the shocks and blows of war itself. The damage of war is now becoming visible in its true magnitude.

I firmly believe that both the security and the well-being of the nations of the British Commonwealth, and