

for the future of the steel industry in North America, but because it undoubtedly has a special significance for the steel-using industries of the New England States.

We Canadians were gratified to learn that your Council has not overlooked the importance of this development for the New England region. In setting up a special committee to keep abreast of this undertaking, you are acting in the best traditions of your forefathers. You were among the first to realize the possibilities of opening the American West. You are among the first to appreciate the significance of opening the Canadian North. New Englanders have retained their capacity for leadership, and are meeting the challenge of the 20th century as fully and effectively as their ancestors took advantage of the opportunities offered in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Before I conclude, may I say again how deeply I appreciate this opportunity of appearing before such a distinguished and representative gathering of New Englanders and outlining some of our Canadian problems, which I believe are your problems too. The close co-operation between your country and mine has served to enhance the prosperity, the welfare and the security of both our countries. In a troubled world our relations are unique. That friendship, understanding and mutual co-operation must be carried forward to new and greater levels. The democratic world expects it of us and depends upon it.

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