

economic and ownership factors will be present if trade barriers with the U.S. are removed through bilateral or multilateral negotiations.

In my view, however, this attitude is unfounded. It is symptomatic, I am afraid, of a type of reflex inferiority complex which ignores the success of Canadian exporters in competing in international markets. It demeans the achievement of those Canadians whose ideas, workmanship and competitive enterprise have put subway cars under New York and Mexico cities; have put telecommunication equipment literally around the world, and have put robotics into space.

This attitude also implies that Ministers are insensitive to Canadian interests and would willfully jeopardize an industry's future (and, presumably, their own!). I am confident that we are capable of negotiating bilateral agreements of benefit to Canada. The Autopact is an obvious example. The Pact is certainly not without flaws but I wonder what sort of automobile industry we would have, or what shape our manufacturing trade balance would be in, without it.