

I understand that one of the chief arm-twisters in this campaign is here among us today in the person of Lord Amory. For putting his familiarity with exchequers, public as well as private, at the disposal of the Foundation, I extend him a personal Thank You. It pleases me to imagine that the idea of strengthening academic relations between our two countries germinated in Lord Amory's mind during the years he spent in Ottawa as Her Majesty's High Commissioner in Canada.

Another name which must be singled out for mention on this occasion is that of the person I understand was the chief arm-twister of them all, our former High Commissioner to Britain, and now our Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Jake Warren. If my informants are correct, it was Jake who twisted the arms of the arm-twisters, who then went out and raised the funds by whatever means at their disposal. Perhaps Mr. Warren was infected with his zeal for this cause during one of the pleasant evenings Lord Amory used to conduct in the salons of Earnscliffe - now the residence of the British High Commissioner in Ottawa, but earlier, the home of Canada's most famous Scottish immigrant, our first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald of Glasgow.

Having sat with him in Cabinet for a great many years, I know how easy it is to infect my colleague Paul Martin with a good idea. So I was not at all surprised that, upon his appointment to London, he should have taken over with characteristic zest Jake Warren's duties as Chairman and Chief Executive of this Foundation. I must also thank the other members of the Foundation Board for their generous contributions of time to the support of its activities. May I also mention two members of our High Commission who have energetically assisted in this project, Mr. John Sharpe for administering the fund-raising campaign, and Mr. Don Peacock, who conceived the idea of the Chair of Canadian Studies in the United Kingdom.

There will be an opportunity on a later occasion today to pay similar tribute to Sir Hugh Robson, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Edinburgh University; to his predecessor, Professor Swann; to Professor Watson, Vice-Principal Saul, Philip Wigley, Nat Wolfe and their colleagues for welcoming and helping so much with the establishment of the Chair and Centre of Canadian Studies. Without this warm welcome and generous support by the University, this whole project would not have been possible. May I again express the sincere gratitude of the Government of Canada to all of those responsible for this project; may I officially welcome all of you here today and thank you for coming, and may I now invite you to drink a toast to the continued success of this endeavour.