

independent countries. I said as well that, in my belief, the true measurement of national greatness was found not in military might or in political ceremony but in the willingness of a country to recognize the importance of individual welfare, human dignity and a sense of personal accomplishment and fulfillment.

Many of the issues which were discussed with the Chinese leaders, and in the several committees of officials that were established during the course of the visit, reflected these beliefs and the desire of Canada to expand its international trade.

Premier Chou and I signed a formal trade agreement that will serve as a framework for the development of trade between Canada and China for the next three years....

Honourable Members will find that this agreement establishes a joint trade committee, which will meet annually. The Canadian suggestion that the committee address itself immediately to the areas of transportation, forestry and agriculture was accepted by the Chinese. Agreement was reached as well that detailed discussions should be initiated quickly in the fields of aluminum and wood pulp. We also agreed that further discussions should take place soon with respect to potash, sulphur and nickel. The Canadian side was heartened by the obvious Chinese interest in increasing the purchase of Canadian manufactured goods and contemplating the purchase from Canada of complete plants. Throughout our discussions in this area, emphasis was lent by both sides on the mutual benefit to be gained from long-term commercial agreements.

Satisfying as were the discussions on trade and commercial relations, I was moved most by the several understandings reached in the areas of medicine and human relations. Honourable Members will be familiar with the important work done last spring in China by a joint governmental and professional medical mission to China led by Dr. Gustave Gingras, the then President of the Canadian Medical Association. That mission recognized the immense benefits that could be realized in health-care services in Canada if more were known about several areas of Chinese medical techniques. The hope was subsequently expressed by the two major medical bodies in Canada that the Canadian Government would attempt to encourage the Chinese to engage in co-operative activities with Canadian doctors to these ends.

I am delighted by the progress that we were able to make in this respect during my visit, which provides for teams of Canadian and Chinese physicians visiting one another's countries to study advanced techniques in each place. The field of interest chosen