

STATEMENT MADE IN EDINBURGH BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE
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THE DIRECTORS OF THE FOUNDATION FOR CANADIAN
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Allow me to say, first, how pleased I was to attend this morning the meeting of the Foundation for Canadian Studies in the United Kingdom.

The progress accomplished since its initial meeting last December - and the progress leading up to that initial meeting - are most impressive, and I begin at once by expressing a general Thank You to all who were responsible for this success. In a matter of months, a well-endowed and well organized institution was brought into existence, which we in Canada believe will make an important and continuing contribution to relations between our country and the United Kingdom. At a time when no one was in a mood - or a position - to throw money around loosely, if there ever is such a time, the goal of the fund-raising campaign was substantially over-subscribed. Instead of the target of 180,000 Pounds, the final subscription, I understand, had reached, as of last Friday, 222,394 Pounds and 94 Pence. As many of you know, the Canadian Government had agreed to contribute 60,000 Pounds to the Foundation, provided Canadian businessmen doing business in Britain and British businessmen doing business in Canada could each be persuaded to contribute a matching amount.

I find it most impressive and most encouraging to realize that British and Canadian businessmen over-subscribed to the extent they did. What this says for the healthy condition of business relations between Britain and Canada is more eloquent and convincing than any words I might offer you on the subject today. So I take this opportunity publicly to thank, on behalf of the Government of Canada, all those British and Canadian businessmen who have chosen this unique means of re-asserting their faith in the Anglo-Canadian connection. The response to the subscription campaign has been so remarkable that I can hardly think of a more profitable cultural investment the Canadian Government could have made than its contribution to the Foundation.

My Scottish blood may have been diluted a bit by a few winters in Canada, but I still have enough "ken" left to know that a success like this does not happen by accident.