

Of the poorest of the poor, those with incomes of less than \$200 per annum, nearly three of every four live within the Commonwealth. This suggests the immensity of the task before us and it suggests that now, more than ever before, we must use the Commonwealth to attack the problems of poverty, inequality and degradation.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) is very much looking forward to the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in London in June, and to a further strengthening of the close contacts with our Commonwealth partners that we have enjoyed in the past. This year that meeting will follow closely the celebrations of the silver jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth who occupies the important role of head of the Commonwealth. In London we anticipate a strengthening of resolve to find ways of ensuring that each human being is able to live free from fear and want.

Mr. Speaker, this is Commonwealth Day; it is a day of education and a day on which I wish to underline the great value which Canada attaches to its Commonwealth association.