

a delegation to visit China at an appropriate time. I am sure you will be warmly welcomed by the Chinese National People's Congress, the Chinese Government and the Chinese people.

Thank you!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[*Translation*]

Hon. Maurice Riel (Speaker of the Senate): Mr. Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. Premier of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Prime Minister of Canada, ladies and gentlemen, it is a great honour to thank you, Mr. Premier of China, for the words of wisdom and encouragement you have just spoken before our two Houses of Parliament.

The philosophy that emerges from the outline you gave of your country's foreign policy and its peace objectives, your relations with the United State of America, with the Soviet Union, with Great Britain on the matter of Hong Kong, with Third World countries, and the North-South dialogue, seems very similar to what we in Canada believe, and in your comments on the policy and peace initiatives undertaken by our own Prime Minister, you expressed the same principles, and despite the immense distances that separate us, this is an example of the profoundly human solidarity that exists between our two peoples who are united in a common desire for peace.

Peace in our time, Mr. Premier, is not a vain ambition, and we are happy to hear that you share this ideal with our Prime Minister and with all Canadians, and you have come to us over the oceans, despite our cold Canadian winter, to announce before this Parliament that your people share our ideals. We find this very comforting, and urge you to tell the people of China that we are with them in this search for peace, and that Canadians are supporting the efforts of our Prime Minister, despite inevitable obstacles, to achieve a lasting peace at this point in the world's existence.

Thank you Mr. Premier for your visit and for the gesture you made today with reference to the cordial relations we have with China.

[*English*]

We wish to thank Your Excellency for your visit, for the gesture you have made and for the good words you have said to help the world along the road to peace. Thank you again.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Lloyd Francis (Speaker of the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker of the Senate, Mr. Prime Minister, Mr. Premier of China, Members of the Senate and the House of Commons, it is a great honour for me on behalf of Members of our Houses of Parliament and guests assembled to express our appreciation of the Address we have heard from the Premier of the People's Republic of China. We welcome him to Canada as a representative of the most populous nation on earth and also as a friend.

The establishment of diplomatic ties between our two countries in 1970 was an important step leading to the resumption by China of its prominent role in the international community. Since that time there have been, as has been mentioned, an increasing number of exchanges between Canada and the People's Republic in the fields of arts and culture, science and technology, education, medicine, sports, tourism and, of course in economic areas. Canada's exports of well over \$1 billion annually testify to the value of China as a trading partner.

In addition to continued economic co-operation we are encouraged by China's support for efforts to bring lasting international peace and stability.

[*Translation*]

Last year, a delegation of Canadian parliamentarians went to China to increase our knowledge of each other's country, to consolidate our friendship and to explore other avenues for co-operation between our two countries. All members of the delegation were absolutely delighted with their visit.

[*English*]

In keeping with the warm relationship which has developed between our two countries, we are honoured to receive our distinguished visitor in our capital.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The meeting is now adjourned.