

In saying this, I do not want to suggest that Canada is not interested in UNESCO or does not believe in the importance of its work, but every year our Government asks Parliament to appropriate money for the support of UNESCO, the Colombo Plan, the World Health Organization, the Special Fund and other international organizations and programmes. All of these have to be examined together, and the importance of the work done, considered and compared in competition with many other urgent claims upon our Treasury.

As you will have gathered, my own people were Scottish in origin and the Scots still have a good deal of influence in Canadian affairs and Canadian finances. One of the most notable characteristics of the Scots is their ambition to insure that every dollar spent is well spent and will achieve the absolute maximum in terms of constructive practical results. This attitude and characteristic does perhaps help to explain the position we have taken and continue to take in respect of the programme of UNESCO and its finances.

And now, Mr. President, in conclusion I would like again to express, on behalf of my country and all my colleagues here with me, our congratulations to you and our thanks and our appreciation to your country. I also include in these expressions of appreciation the Director-General and members of the Secretariat who have been performing a most difficult and important task in most difficult circumstances. To them, and in particular to the Director-General who is an old friend and an honorary graduate of my own university, I extend the good wishes of Canada and her people.

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