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Editorial

Many Canadian businesses, as a study in *Canada Today/d'aujourd'hui* shows, feel Britain provides an ideal base in Europe as the Single Market, due next year, fast approaches.

For professional reasons, I share that view. Britain provides a welcome for all Canadians – in effect, a natural second home.

So, warm memories of the United Kingdom will remain with me and my wife, Adrian, when we return to Canada in the summer at the end of our three year appointment in London. Indeed, while we return to Canada we hope to continue those close relations, both social and professional, that we have established during our term here.

Canada, and its supporters in Britain – the business people, lawyers, bankers, academics, and others that as an informal group we call 'Team Canada' – will be well placed to match up to the challenges and opportunities of Europe in the coming years.

In three years in London I have been impressed by many facets:

- our continued good relations with the British Government, and the generous co-operation we have enjoyed from British officials;
- the exchange links between various services, civil and military. During the Gulf War the Canadians serving with British units remained on attachment with them during the conflict;
- the initiative of those in Britain who established the Canadian Memorial Foundation to remember 900 000 Canadians who served in this country in two World Wars;
- two way investment and trading co-operation;
- the enthusiasm and erudition in Canadian studies at universities across the United Kingdom and the continuing interest of students in learning more from our Canadian experience;

- progress in the Commonwealth on some of the intractable problems of the world, not least the divisions of South Africa. We were honoured to play some part in the changes taking place for the greater good of humanity;
- and, of course, the people of Britain who have extended such warmth in their reception of Adrian and me. We thank them for that kindness, it will stay with us.

We could not have carried out our role at the High Commission without the knowledge and support of the High Commission staff. While thank-yous will be expressed individually in the weeks to come, we wanted to take advantage of this message to express our appreciation to all those at the High Commission, that ever-changing team, who assisted us during our time in London.

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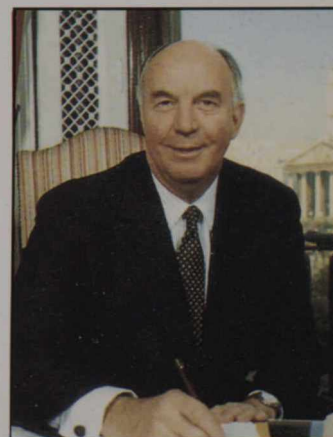
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