

pleasure of working side by side with men and women of exceptional ability who gave their all throughout the negotiations in order to ensure the economic welfare of our country.

My present task is nearing completion and, as some of you may already know, I will be moving on to take up a new challenge, this time in the private sector, as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Montreal. It goes without saying that I look forward to my new responsibilities in Montreal.

I leave a better man for the experience I have been so fortunate to have had, and am confident that there will be others after me to take up where I have left off, individuals who will spare no effort to ensure that implementation of the negotiations produces lasting results for the benefit of Canada as a whole.