Edinburgh University from 1786 to 1790, later founded colonies on Prince Edward Island, at Baldoon near Lake St. Clair, and in the Red River Valley where the city of Winnipeg now stands. How many others from Scotland played key roles in the early development of Canada we can all see from other items on exhibit here this afternoon:

- Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the great explorer who became the first white man to cross North America from coast to coast;
- that other great explorer of Scottish descent, Simon Fraser;
- that rebellious political reformer, William Lyon Mackenzie, whose later legacy was the longest -- serving Prime Minister so far in Canada's history, his grandson, William Lyon Mackenzie King;
- Sir Alexander Tilloch Galt, another father of Canadian Confederation;
- and, not the least of those commemorated in this exhibition, George Brown, the son of an Edinburgh merchant, who also contributed to the emergency of contemporary Canada.

It was a graduate of Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities, the Reverend Thomas Liddell, who helped to establish what is today one of Canada's most distinguished universities, Queen's at Kingston, Ontario. The role of other Scots in the development of other major Canadian universities is also noted in this exhibition, as are the contributions of many others, in many other areas of Canadian history.

I can only conclude by saying how much I appreciate the opportunity of being able to open this exhibition. I commend it to you, both for enjoyment and for enlightenment on the enduring contribution made to Canadian civilization by this nation of "wanderers by profession" who found their way from Scotland to Canada's shores.

(c) Remarks at the opening of a Canadian exhibition on the law of the sea in the Chaplaincy Centre of Edinburgh University:

It was on the north coast of Cape Breton Island that Sebastiano Caboto first landed, in 1497; and my constituents would never forgive me for failing to mention this historical fact, the accuracy of which is attested by the Cape Breton Historical Society, as I open in Edinburgh this Canadian Exhibition on the law of the sea.