

(\$140 billion) originates in the agricultural and mineral sector. Canada may export a lot of raw materials, but most Canadians earn their living in the secondary and tertiary sectors; and quite a number of Canadian industries are at the forefront of technological progress. We are one of only five countries, for example, to have developed independently our own nuclear generating system -- Candu -- and the only one to have done so within the framework of an exclusively peaceful nuclear research programme. We were the second country in the world to build our own communications satellite -- evidence of the sophistication of our aerospace and electronic industries. We have similarly developed original and technically competitive products or techniques in mining and forestry equipment, high-voltage electric transmission and construction, to list only a few examples.

It is true that many of our cities are located on our coasts and were originally developed as major ports for the shipment of our raw materials. But this era is long past; and the economic well-being of Canadian metropolitan centres now depends upon sophisticated manufacturing, financial and other service industries. Of course, none of these cities rivals Tokyo in size. But Montreal and Toronto are now almost as large as Osaka and larger than Nagoya and Yokohama; while Vancouver is expected to reach in a few years the size of Kobe. Fortunately for us, the problems of urban and industrial congestion have not yet become as acute in our cities as elsewhere; and we are now devising a comprehensive regional development policy to cope with problems which, although they are less acute, are essentially the same as those that your municipal administrations must resolve.

In other words, despite obvious differences in the size of their territory and population and in their resource endowment, Japan and Canada have both become in this century mature industrialized economies. The history and culture of the two countries are quite different; and since these are major determinants of social and economic development, one can expect the two societies to follow somewhat different courses in the future. But there again, I suspect that both Japanese and Canadians tend to exaggerate these differences; for there are striking coincidences as well historical similarities.