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An Address by Mr. Gordon Churchill,  
Minister of Trade and Commerce,  
to the Economic Club of New York  
on Monday, October 20, 1958.

Your interest in Canada, as indicated by your invitation to have me address you, is of course flattering. Your interest has been increased, I presume, by your knowledge of the change of government that took place in our country in June 1957 and by the land-slide victory that we achieved at the polls in March of this year. Republicans and Democrats alike may be a little envious of such political success, and may be doing a little wishful thinking and wondering what the Conservatives in Canada have that they have not got. However, I have not been asked to speak about political matters but rather to discuss the less exciting although fundamental and important subjects of trade and economics. Your programme indicates that, of all the policies of the new Canadian Government, those affecting economics and trade have aroused the most interest and discussion south of the Canadian border.

To Canadians this is all to the good. We want you to notice us. We do not want to be taken for granted. We were very pleased a year ago when the press of your country gave considerable attention to a speech made by our Prime Minister, the Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker, at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire. He spoke on the Anglo-Canadian American community, a subject dear to the hearts of Canadians, for we like to think of ourselves as an integral part of the close association that exists among our three nations, the United States, Great Britain and Canada.

### Historical Connections

We have never severed our ties with the United Kingdom as you did in 1776. George III does not mean anything in particular to us, just one among many sovereigns from William