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External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin,
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... It is scarcely necessary for me to emphasize that Canadian relations with Japan are important. The presence here of many representatives of commercial concerns provides abundant evidence of the significance that is being attached in this province, as in other Western provinces, to the contacts and exchanges we have with our Japanese neighbours across the Pacific. For instance, Premier Manning, Mr. Patrick, the Minister of Industry and Development of Alberta, and Mayor Dantzer of Edmonton paid an official visit to Japan last May.

I should like, however, to underline some of the reasons why relations with this major industrial power are important to our national interest.

I think it would also be appropriate for me to take this occasion to review some of the questions discussed at the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee meetings earlier this month.

Our relations with Japan must be considered against the whole background of world affairs, past and present. Only in that wider perspective can we appreciate how the course of events since 1945 has brought us, along with many elements of turbulence in international affairs, some welcome developments towards sane, peaceful and prosperous conditions in the world.

The fact that the most economically advanced nations of Western Europe and of North America are now linked to Japan by so many common interests and concepts, both political and economic, is one of the most encouraging developments of recent years.

These nations of three continents base their actions in the world on United Nations principles. They have pledged assistance to the developing nations. They have not relied on any exclusive associations between them; they are separately associated with Commonwealth nations, with the nations preserving special links of French language and culture, with Latin America and with Asia.