

ices, mostly shipping and tourism. There were significant new Canadian investments too. The Perama Hill Gold Mining project directed by the Vancouver-based Eldorado Gold Corporation, for instance, represented an initial investment of \$200 million. Further developments in 2012 bring the total investment in the project to a staggering 2.5 billion Euros, one of the single largest investments in recent years. The project, which will create hundreds of jobs and yield more than 100,000 ounces of gold annually, serves as a sharp reminder of Greece's potential.



Prime Minister Antonis Samaras meets with Speaker of the Canadian Senate Noël Kinsella during latter's visit to Greece (September 2012)

Canadians have long known of Greece's capacity for rebirth and renewal. On his visit to Kalavryta, Prime Minister Stephen Harper looked back, and paid his respects to the Greek victims of fascism and tyranny. But he looked ahead too. He met with Prime Minister George Papandreou, whose family's heritage so closely reflects the long Canada-Greece relationship. Papandreou's grandfather led his country from war to peace in 1945, starting from the decks of a Canadian destroyer. His father helped bring his country from dictatorship to democracy in the 1970s from his base in Toronto. As contemporary Greeks struggled to right their economy, devastated by the recession of 2008, Harper made it clear that Canada remained nearby to help. "Canada", he assured his host, "wants to be part of the strong Greek economy, which will eventually emerge on the other side of this nightmare". The two long-standing allies were already moving forward together.