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America and the Caribbean. The Andean Pact and the Central American Common Market are healthy examples. Canada has happily contributed funds to the Andean Pact *junta* for economic studies and technical assistance. This is one form of industrial co-operation, the idea to which my Government attaches considerable importance as a factor in industrial growth. We are confident that this form of co-operation will enhance the possibility of joint ventures and will lead to increased economic opportunity and benefit for all.

It was not many years ago, certainly well within the memory of most in this audience, that almost the only Canadian attention to Latin America came from the business community. That business attention continues and is enhanced. But it is joined by a much more active involvement on the part of the Canadian Government -- in the OAS and its special organizations, in the Inter-American Development Bank, in the Economic Community for Latin America. And it is joined as well by the involvement of several of the provincial governments, academic associations and individuals. In some measure, my own presence here spreads still more broadly Canadian interest, because the link between Canada and Latin America will be seen by millions in this hemisphere through the pens and cameras of the journalists accompanying me.

This process of getting to know one another, a process in which CALA and its Latin American affiliates are playing such an effective role, is a refreshing one. Increased economic and commercial contacts lead inevitably and happily to increased cultural awareness and exchanges. To anyone who loves, as do I, the dynamism and the adventurous spirit of this continent, that is an exciting prospect. A mutual enrichment is in store for us -- one that, naturally, will take into account the seasonal weather patterns of Canada when conferences and visits of the present sort are arranged!

While the factor of weather and inclement climate is not shared by us all, other factors -- vast spaces, great distances, comparatively small populations, and rich resource deposits -- are familiar. Part of the history of Canada has been written in the efforts of the Canadian people to overcome towering problems of transportation and communication. That we have done so, and with considerable success, is an achievement of which Canadians are very proud. More than pride is involved, however. Canadian technology and skills are among the foremost in the world in these fields. Not only do we operate the world's longest railroads, we are also partners in the St. Lawrence Seaway, one of the world's busiest and most important shipping-lanes. In Canada we have the world's first domestic communications satellite, which feeds into one of the most extensive, sophisticated and widespread communications networks in the world. In a variety of

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