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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON THE
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING
OF
RAPESEED AND RAPESEED PRODUCTS

GENERAL CHAIRMAN: Mr. A.M. Runciman, President,
Rapeseed Association of Canada.

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Mr. Gaston Lussier: Associate Deputy Minister,
Department of Agriculture,
Province of Quebec,
Quebec, Que.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is for me a great pleasure to have the opportunity to extend to each of you a very warm welcome to the Province of Quebec and to have the opportunity to officially open this very interesting meeting. My Minister has asked me to extend to each of you a warm welcome and to tell you how happy we are to receive all the important visitors here in the Province of Quebec. Here in Quebec, since 1962, the Department of Agriculture has made many trials on the adaptation of rapeseed, mainly Brassica campestris and also of Brassica napus. Results up to now show that those two species can be grown in Quebec. Climatic conditions indicate that the rapeseed crop can be grown successfully only in isolated areas of the Province of Quebec. Quebec's demand for oil extracted from sources like rapeseed is equivalent to around 1,500,000 bushels, or in other words the crop from at least 50,000 acres. It is up to you, Gentlemen, within the scope of this Congress, to see to it that this field of action, remains unlimited, and that there will be many new opportunities in marketing, new ways of producing and processing rapeseed so that in the coming years the consumers will use more and more of the products. I think that this Congress, will bring new developments which could for many reasons influence the orientation of Quebec's agriculture.

I would like to express my full appreciation particularly to the sponsors of this Congress, the Department of Industry, Trade & Commerce of the Federal Government and to the Rapeseed Association of Canada and wish to all of you, Ladies and Gentlemen, fruitful deliberations all through this Congress and a very enjoyable Séjour in La Belle Province. I invite you to visit Quebec City, and it will be my pleasure to receive you in my office at the Parliament Buildings.

It seems to me that this Congress will be an important step and promote the opportunity for people from the trade, from the processing plants, and from agricultural production to meet together to the benefit of the future development of the rapeseed industry across the world. To all of you, Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to wish you again a pleasant Séjour in La Belle Province. To all of you, coming from 20 countries I wish you a successful International Conference.

Mr. A.M. Runciman: President, Rapeseed Association of Canada.

Ladies and Gentlemen: it is my pleasure this time to extend to each of you a very cordial welcome to this International Conference on the Science, Technology and Marketing of Rapeseed and Rapeseed Products. To those of you who come from other countries we extend a particularly warm welcome. We are happy and excited about the presence here of people from 20 other countries literally scattered around the world. It makes this a truly International Conference. We hope that you will enjoy your visit to Canada and find that this Conference will be an interesting, informative and memorable experience.

As you know, the Conference is sponsored jointly by the Department of Industry, Trade & Commerce of the Federal Government and by the Rapeseed Association of Canada. I will not elaborate here on the very satisfactory and productive working relationship which has existed between the Department and our Association since it was founded, nor is it my intention to make a long statement on the contents of the Program. A glance shows that it contains a very complete coverage of the whole scope of the rapeseed industry from farm to factory, from scientific laboratory to the end-user of each product. In the Program each segment of the industry will find areas of interest to them. Our concern is, whether there will be time enough at our disposal to discuss the full range of papers to be presented.

We feel that in a 3-day Conference there will be many opportunities for participants to become well acquainted without formal introductions from this platform.

I am going to proceed now to introduce to you the Chairmen of the 1st Session this morning. These are first of all, and I am particularly glad to have this Gentleman with us, Mr. Y. Shida, President, the Japan Rapeseed Council. Mr. Shida will co-chair the 1st Session today with Mr. James McAnsh who is the Executive Director of the Rapeseed Association of Canada. I will now turn the meeting over to you Gentlemen to get the 1st Session underway.

Thank you very much, Ladies and Gentlemen.

SESSION I:

WORLD PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF RAPESEED

CHAIRMAN: Mr. J. McAnsh,
Rapeseed Association of Canada,
Vancouver, B.C.

CO-CHAIRMAN: Mr. Y. Shida,
Japan Rapeseed Council,
Tokyo, Japan.