



THE A.A. GRAPEVINE

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Salut au Salute to CANADA

Our congratulations and thanks to Canada, no finer AA exists.

This far-flung society of ours has the odd quality of being everywhere the same, yet everywhere so different. We AA's are totally alike, whether by regions or by nations. This, of course, is just as it should be.

When AA travelers return from Canada they all report how much more they brought away from Canada than they took in.

Nor shall we forget that Canada has brought the AA Family Groups to their present happy degree of success and to the high favor they found among those of us who heard their testimonies at Cleveland last summer. Nor shall the bright memory ever fade of that day in Montreal when Lois and I heard the Lord's Prayer spoken in French and English — our first meeting in two languages.

We are immeasurably grateful for fast friends from Halifax to Vancouver, they are always the same: devoted workers upon that great fabric which is AA of today — and of tomorrow!

Bill

Because of the sudden death of Dr. Silkworth we are sure that Canadian AAs will not mind sharing their Grapevine with the story of the great doctor who did so much toward the beginning of Alcoholics Anonymous,