

Canadian general consul comes to Madison, emphasizes importance of trade

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John Cruickshank, Canada's general consul in the upper midwest, made a trip this week from Chicago to Madison to emphasize the importance of trade between Wisconsin and its biggest trading partner to the north.

"Having that relationship makes us better in Canada; I think it makes lives better in Wisconsin," he told WisBusiness.com. "So it's something that's valuable, that's historic, and something that should not be just preserved, but we want to encourage more investment on both sides of the border."

His visit, which included a "very positive, really constructive" face-to-face with Gov. Scott Walker, comes at a time when rocky trade relations between the two countries have driven some U.S. politicians to criticize Canada.

A recent change in Canadian pricing policy that left dozens of Wisconsin farmers temporarily without buyers for their filtered skim-milk product drew the attention of President Donald Trump in April.

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