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Prudent Planning with Help from the Professionals

The Society of Notaries Public of British Columbia welcomes Michael Campbell to the pages of *The Scrivener*. This respected analyst is the host of Canada's top-rated financial show, *Money Talks*. He is also senior business commentator for Global TV and a lead business columnist for the *Vancouver Sun*.

The date today is September 11, a day when we remember the terrible events that shook the United States and the world. In today's *Vancouver Sun*, Mr. Campbell reflects on the economic impact the terrorists have had on our American neighbours and on our lives here in Canada also.

Each day we are learning how actions that take place far outside our borders and our immediate centre of influence can change our way of life. Michael's *Sun* column directs the reader to the fact that the threat of terrorism is putting major pressure on the North American economy as never before imagined. He notes that many people tend to see the terrorist attacks as targeting US citizens but in reality, when it comes to killing, the terrorists use the broadest definition of the word *infidels*.



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You'll read about some of the financial aspects important to our lives, such as how you can invest your money; how *not* to invest it; sage advice on how to plan for your retirement; possible tax advantages to employ; pitfalls to avoid; and updates from CCRA.

As I read these articles and considered their content, it struck me that the most

valuable asset most of us will accumulate in our lives is our home. It is not only the place we live, it's the asset that provides us with the largest entry on our individual balance sheet. Each and every day in this province, thousands of people trust Notaries to protect that asset for them—by assisting them to acquire or sell their home, making certain it is free of encumbrances, and ensuring that the conveyancing process is completed in a professional and timely manner.

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We trust that this issue will introduce you to individuals who can assist you with your planning and provide you with new and useful information. Please enjoy the pages of this wonderful publication. ▲

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