

### Trade

The overall increase in trade which reached a record high of \$495 million in 1974 (exports to China of \$434 million and imports from China of \$60.9 million) has been most satisfying. At the same time, there has been an important and notable change in the composition of Canadian exports. Prior to the establishment of diplomatic relations, the principal Canadian export to China was wheat; more recently, however, the percentage of non-wheat items has risen significantly indicating a healthy trend to export diversification.

Commercial relations with China include the annual Canada/China Joint Trade Committee, which meets alternatively in Ottawa and Peking, and a number of commercial delegations. In 1975 a Canadian harbour technology and equipment mission and a railway industry mission visited China and an International Grains Institute (Winnipeg) technical conference was held in Peking. Chinese commercial/technical investigation missions to Canada in 1975 studied the railway industry, geophysics, high-voltage electrical transmission and power dam construction.

### Conclusion

This summary of developments in relations between Canada and China over the past five years since recognition shows that a sound foundation has been laid on which both countries can continue their work of constructing a mutually beneficial relationship.