

CARICOM and Canada. Students from the Caribbean have found a welcome in Canadian universities, and as a result have developed ties with Canada of a lasting character even though they returned to take their place in your societies. And Canadians migrate seasonally to your beautiful beaches and countryside, sometimes comprising the largest segment of your tourist population.

To return to our bilateral economic relations as such, there have been significant developments of late. In 1977, for example, trade between CARICOM States and Canada was just about in balance for the first time. Let us hope that through the trade and industrial cooperation aspects of this new Agreement, we shall move forward to new and balanced levels of economic cooperation in the broader and more complex sense I earlier spoke of.

A century ago, when Newfoundland fish moved South and rum was the principal good moving North, the ties we had were very important to both of us. Today, while trading patterns have greatly changed, there is no strain in our relationship. Nor does this new Agreement constrain our separate relations with the rest of the world. On the contrary, it can help us both obtain the wider window on the world that is essential