

- Canada's exports of services to France in 2001 were worth \$1.64 billion and represented 2.78 per cent of Canada's total service exports.
- In 2001, Canada imported more than \$1.63 billion worth of French services. This was 2.4 per cent of Canada's service imports. France was the fourth largest supplier of services to Canada in 2001.

Investment

- Canadian investment in France, which has been strong over the past few years, reached almost \$4.5 billion by 2002. This represented one per cent of Canada's total foreign direct investment.
- France ranks eighth among destinations for Canadian investment abroad. Nearly 180 Canadian subsidiaries and secondary establishments are located in France. The main sectors for investment are commerce, business services, real estate, banking and insurance. Investors include small and medium-size companies and such large firms as Alcan Aluminum, Bata Ltd., Bombardier, the Caisse de dépôt et de placement du Québec, Cascades Inc., Intrawest, McCain Foods, Quebecor, Tembec Inc.
- In 2002, French investment in Canada totalled \$32.22 billion, 9.2 per cent of total direct foreign investment. With the United States ranking first, France is the second largest foreign investor in Canada, with over 600 subsidiaries and secondary establishments. Major concentrations are in electronics, software, aerospace, pharmaceutical products, mines, semi-finished products, banks, and insurance. Major French companies in Canada include Accor, Alcatel, AXA-UAP, BNP-Paribas, Danone, Péchiney, Rhône-Poulenc, Thales, TotalFinaElf.

Technological and scientific co-operation

- France is Canada's third most important scientific partner. The main areas of co-operation include life sciences, health, natural resources and agri-food, materials and processes, and information and communications technologies.
- There is a tradition of strategic partnership and technology exchanges between France and Canada, particularly high technology air and rail transportation. An enhanced partnership is also being developed in the leading-edge sectors of informatics, space and biotechnology; in communications, particularly the information highway; and in agri-food.