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Mr Mulroney and Mrs Thatcher meet in London

Our front cover shows Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in Canada House with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher during his recent visit to the United Kingdom. Mr Mulroney and his wife, Mila, made a three-day visit to England early last month. Mr Mulroney met with Mrs Thatcher and held discussions aimed at 'revitalising' the relationship between Canada and Britain.



Mila Mulroney at the Commonwealth Institute

In a press conference held outside No 10 Downing Street after the meeting, Mrs Thatcher commented that 'we have had a wonderful meeting between old friends, discussing policies which are very similar, problems which are familiar to us both, and we both search for similar solutions.'

In response, Mr Mulroney said that 'Great Britain is a close and loyal friend of Canada. We consult intimately and often on subjects of mutual concern and world interest.'

Mr Mulroney also met with high-level British corporate and financial executives who have significant investment and trade interests with Canada. He outlined to them the major challenges facing his government in revitalising the Canadian economy, and stressed that Canada welcomes foreign investment.

His message that Canada is a place to do business was underscored by his visit to the International Futures Exchange in the City; Canadian suppliers have provided computerised equipment there, including electro-magnetic displays.

The Canadian Prime Minister and Mrs Mulroney called on the Queen and Queen Mother before leaving for the economic summit in Bonn.

During the visit, Mila Mulroney visited the Commonwealth Institute where she fielded questions by British school children about Canada. She also toured the 2 000 square foot Canadian exhibit at the Institute, which features a large topographical map of Canada.