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## Editorial

This issue of *Canada Today* has been delayed a few days so that we can bring you a profile of Canada's new prime minister.

In addition, in this issue, we focus on some of the areas where Canada has recently gained widespread recognition – in the fields of computer technology, natural resources, third-world food aid, and arts and culture.

Of particular interest to readers in the United Kingdom is the contract that Canada's University of Waterloo has won to computerise the Oxford English Dictionary. Its significance is that it is an acknowledgement of Canada's ability to provide custom-made software for unusual or unique applications.

In the area of natural resources, Canada (like the United Kingdom) has recently revised its estimates of its oil and gas reserves. And (again like the United Kingdom) its revised estimates show that it has a lot more "wealth in the ground" than it previously thought.

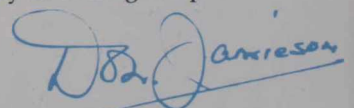
Canada's fisheries are also taking on a new importance (as an article in this issue explains.). Its east coast fisheries, recently in financial difficulty,

have now been reorganised. Their future is more secure, and for buyers in the United Kingdom (and elsewhere) this is expected to lead to even higher quality fish and fish products.

Some of this fish – worth about \$25 million or £14 million a year – is shipped overseas as food aid to developing countries. It's part of Canada's increasing commitment to food aid, which comes at a time of widespread famine caused by some of the worst droughts in memory.

Canada, in fact, now supplies about 20 percent of the total United Nations aid to the world's hungry, making it the second largest donor of food aid, after the United States (see article on page 7).

Finally, in this issue, we take a look at the changing face of Canadian English-language literature. And we preview an exhibition of Ontario art, which, until October 2, will be on show at the Canada House Gallery in Trafalgar Square.



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