

Britain with very worthy representation from Canada under official sponsorship. In November the first general cultural agreement between France and Canada provided a framework for co-operation in cultural, scientific, technical and artistic matters.

In these ways old associations of great value to Canadians were strengthened and given new points of focus.

We have been particularly conscious also of the fact that 1965 has been International Cooperation Year. The Canadian Government has continued to extend its programmes of economic cooperation. During the year plans were implemented or decisions were made concerning new projects for aid in Latin America and Asia and programmes for Colombo Plan countries, for French-speaking African countries and for Commonwealth countries in Africa and elsewhere were steadily developed.

My wish for the coming year would be, as it has been in earlier years, that the cumulative effort of millions of people throughout the world on behalf of peace, justice and our common welfare will bear greater results. For my part I assure you of the unremitting effort of the Canadian Government towards those ends and I send to all of you from Canada our very best wishes for the New Year.