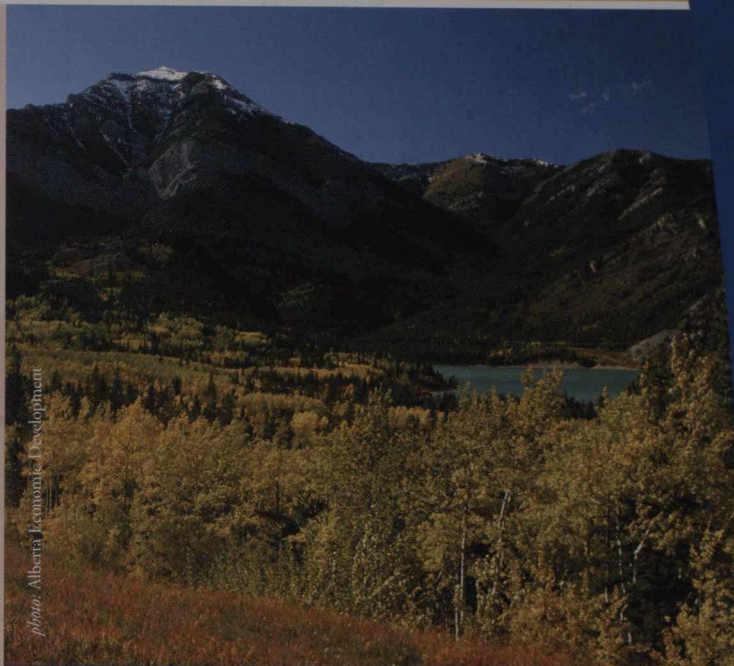


DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

The G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta, the 28th Economic Summit since 1975, will be the fourth to be held in Canada and the first in Western Canada. Previous summits were held in Halifax, Nova Scotia (1995), Toronto, Ontario (1988), and Ottawa, Ontario, and Montebello, Quebec (1981).

The economies of the G8 countries account for 48 percent of the global economy, 80 percent of economic activity in developed countries and 49 percent of international trade. In contrast, Africa's share of world trade is less than 2 percent. The New Partnership for Africa's Development, sponsored by the G8, seeks to help close that gap.

In the run-up to the June 26–27, 2002, G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade has set up a Web site (www.g8.gc.ca) with a host of up-to-date information on the G8, member countries, agenda items and preparations. The site includes a section for youth and teachers.



Mount Lorette and Barrier Lake, Kananaskis Trail, Kananaskis Country, Alberta. This beautiful, unspoiled wilderness will be the setting for the 2002 G8 Summit in June, hosted by Canada.

Canada was one of the founding members of the Commonwealth in 1931 and is still one of its pillars. Our annual contribution to Commonwealth institutions and programs totals just over \$27 million. The Commonwealth has 54 member countries.