

## Agricultural exchanges with Israel

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan, accompanied by senior Agriculture Canada officials, visited Israel from January 3 to 11 to sign a Canada/Israel memorandum of understanding for the exchange of agricultural scientists.

The memorandum also covers the exchange of scientific and technical information, the development of joint research projects and other activities decided by mutual agreement. Israeli Agriculture Minister Arik Sharon signed the agreement for Israel.

Mr. Whelan and the Agriculture Canada officials met in formal working sessions with Mr. Sharon and Israeli officials to discuss agricultural issues.

The minister visited a feed mill and a number of farm settlements based on collective ownership. Special attention was paid to irrigation systems, a mainstay of Israeli agriculture.

He also toured the Volcani Institute, a major agricultural research establishment.

## Diplomatic appointments

Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson announced the following appointments in his department on January 12:

- T.J. (Ted) Arcand, to be Ambassador to Lebanon and concurrently to Syria and Jordan. Mr. Arcand has served in Prague, Yaoundé, Copenhagen, Dar-es-Salaam and the Holy See. He replaces André Couvrette, who has returned to Canada as Chief of Protocol.

- Yvon Beaulne, to be Ambassador to the Holy See. Mr. Beaulne has served in Rome, Buenos Aires, Havana and as Ambassador to Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. He was subsequently appointed Minister in Washington and, in 1967, Canada's Ambassador to Brazil. In 1969 he was appointed Canada's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. Since 1976 he has been Canada's Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO and Representative to the United Nations Human Rights Commission. He replaces Paul Tremblay, who recently returned to Canada.

- Robert M. Middleton, to be Ambassador to South Africa and concurrently High Commissioner to Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. Mr. Middleton, who has

served in Jakarta, Rio de Janeiro and Washington, has participated in United Nations conferences in Geneva and New York. Since 1976 he has been High Commissioner to Ghana with dual accreditations to Bénin, Liberia and Togo. Mr. Middleton replaces G.K. Grande.

- Aubrey L. Morantz, to be Ambassador to Addis Ababa. Mr. Morantz has served in Paris, Lisbon, Abidjan, Brasilia and, since 1976, as Counsellor in Washington. He replaces D.B. Hicks, who returned to Ottawa.

- Allan B. Roger, to be High Commissioner in Barbados and concurrently to Grenada and Dominica, as well as Commissioner to the West Indies Associated States and Montserrat. He has served in Santo Domingo, Rio de Janeiro, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Canberra and, until August 1978, as Canada's High Commissioner in Guyana. Mr. Roger replaces L.A.H. Smith, who recently returned to Ottawa.

- T.B. (Terry) Sheehan, to be High Commissioner in Kingston and concurrently the Bahamas and Commissioner to Belize. Mr. Sheehan has served abroad in Cologne, Stuttgart, The Hague, Athens, New Delhi and, since 1976, as Minister-Counsellor (Immigration) in London. He replaces C.F.W. Hooper, who recently returned to Ottawa.

- Pierre Trottier, to be Ambassador and Canada's Permanent Delegate to UNESCO. He has served in Moscow, Jakarta, London, Paris and Peru, where he was appointed Ambassador in 1973. Mr. Trottier, who was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, June 1978, replaces Yvon Beaulne, who has been appointed Canada's Ambassador to the Holy See.

## Immigration rules eased for students and workers

Minister of Employment and Immigration Bud Cullen recently announced changes to immigration regulations allowing residents of the United States, Greenland, St. Pierre and Miquelon to apply for employment or student authorizations at Canadian ports of entry.

"These regulation changes do not represent a change in our policy that persons must have authorizations before entering Canada," Mr. Cullen said. "Students and workers applying at ports of entry are still considered to be outside Canada

until they have cleared immigration."

When the new act and regulations came into effect last April, all persons coming to Canada to study or work temporarily were required to obtain authorizations at a Canadian post abroad before coming to Canada.

The new regulations allow U.S. residents to apply either at one of the eight Canadian consulates in the U.S. or at a Canadian port of entry, whichever is easier.

Visitors applying for authorizations on arrival at a port of entry must have all the necessary documentation, including a letter of acceptance from a Canadian school or a firm offer of a job and employment clearance.

"The change allows Americans the same privileges Canadians have when they enter the U.S. to work or study and reaffirms the traditional ease of movement that has existed between Canada and its border countries for over 100 years," Mr. Cullen said.

## OECD Secretary-General visits

Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Emile van Lennep visited Ottawa January 22-24 for discussions on the international economic situation.

Mr. van Lennep met with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance, as well as with other ministers, including Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson (who issued the invitation to Mr. van Lennep), the President of the Board of Economic Development Ministers, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Talks covered such issues as the OECD countries' program for sustained non-inflationary economic growth; relations between developing and developed countries and their interdependence; prospects for world trade, and the world economic situation and its implications for the Canadian economy.

Mr. van Lennep has been Secretary-General of the OECD since 1969. Canada has been a member since the organization was established in 1971.

In 1976 there were 291,223 automobiles, 422,598 motor trucks and 605,284 tractors on Canada's 300,118 farms.