

Present Stage of Development

At the present time, Canada conducts its external relations with slightly over 100 countries through embassies and High Commissioners' offices in 63 of these countries and the accreditation of non-resident Ambassadors and High Commissioners in the remainder.

The main functions of the Department, as set out in Reference Paper No. 69 issued by its Information Division, are as follows:

- a. the supervision of relations between Canada and other countries and of Canadian participation in international organizations; the protection of Canadian interests abroad;
- b. the collation and weighing of information regarding developments likely to affect Canada's international relations;
- c. correspondence with other governments and their representatives in Canada;
- d. the negotiation and conclusion of treaties and other international agreements;
- e. the representation of Canada in foreign capitals and at international conferences.

These functions are carried out by a staff of approximately 3100 employees. Of these, close to 2000 are employed outside Canada, including locally engaged staff. The Department's expenditures, as reflected in its 1968-69 estimates, total approximately \$85,041,000. These can be broken down as follows:

Administration, operation and maintenance	\$ 44,591,000
Capital	7,000,000
Assessment, grants and contributions	33,363,000
Statutory votes	87,000
	\$ <u>85,041,000</u>