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COVER: Tom Thomson's most famous picture, the West Wind, lends its name to the talk by A.Y. Jackson on succeeding pages. This reproduction (the original is broader) gives a glimpse of the impassioned line and colour that Thomson brought to his interpretation of the Canadian wilds. Back cover shows India's pavilion at the Man and his World exposition in Montreal which succeeded Expo '67.

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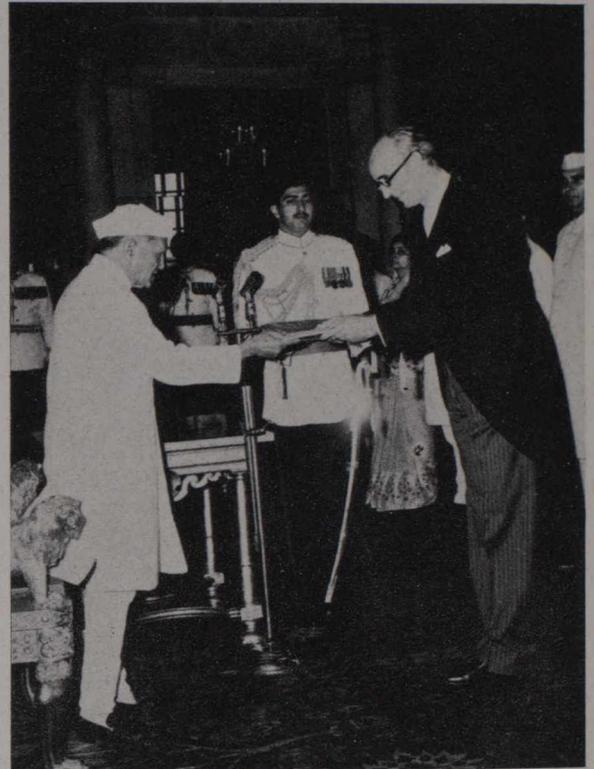
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On September 26 Mr J.R. Maybee, Canada's new High Commissioner to India, presented his Letter of Commission to the President, Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. In the course of the ceremony Mr. Maybee made the following statement which we think aptly summarizes the present state of Indo-Canadian relations and so should be of particular interest to our readers.

Mr. President :

It is a great honour for me to have been chosen as Canada's representative in India, a country with a rich and varied heritage which has made a distinctive contribution to the world community. It is also a matter of great personal satisfaction to be embarking on a voyage of discovery of the many facets of the Indian experience as well as to be contributing to the direction and development of Indo-Canadian relations.

Recent years have seen important steps in the evolution of the cordial relationship which exists between India and Canada. Canadians were honoured to receive your Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira



Gandhi, during her visit to Canada in June 1973. As an important outcome of this visit, consultations were held in New Delhi last November which have brought about a better understanding of the possibilities of expanding economic relations between our two countries. In multilateral organizations, there is a tradition of friendly and useful cooperation, recently exemplified in a close and productive working relationship at the Law of the Sea Conference in Caracas and which finds continuing and special expression in our Commonwealth bonds. On the level of personal human relations, increasing numbers of Canadians are visiting India each year and, as you are aware, Mr. President, Indians are playing a respected and growing role in the Canadian social fabric.

The cordiality of our relationship has not meant, however, that there has been agreement on all issues between our two countries. A common outlook is not yet shared by our respective governments on a major question, but it is a measure of the maturity and depth of our relationship, nevertheless, that those issues where our views differ can be discussed in a frank and friendly manner. It is in this spirit of continuing friendship and mutual respect that my government looks forward to further common efforts to bring about a more peaceful world and a greater degree of international social justice.

Canadians have long taken an active interest in the development programmes of your country, and have welcomed Canada's association with some of them. I would like to assure you, Mr. President, that in the present economic difficulties which touch many parts of the world my government would like to continue to be associated with the social and economic progress of India.

Mr. President, with your help and that of your Government, I shall seek in my time here to maintain and develop the ties of friendship between India and Canada. I am resolved to do all I can to carry out this responsibility.



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