

Canadian-Malaysian trade has been basically stable over the last five years, the balance of trade being very much in Malaysia's favor. Canada provides a market for Malaysia's primary products of tin, natural rubber, coconut oil, palm oil and forest products. Malaysian purchases from Canada have been highlighted by the sale of Canadian aircraft, but have also included considerable amounts of Canadian asbestos, aluminum, newsprint and wheat. The general outlook for trade between Canada and Malaysia suggests a gradual increase, with the balance continuing to remain in Malaysia's favor.

Another recent areas of co-operation between Canada and Malaysia has been in the field of military training. Following the purchase of Canadian aircraft, Canada has been assisting the Royal Malaysian Air Force through the provision of advisers and pilot-training.

### Singapore

Increased Canadian interest in the Pacific is contributing to closer relations with countries in that area, and Canada's relations with Singapore are no exception to that development. Those relations revolve mainly around commerce and economic assistance, and are reinforced by Commonwealth and United Nations ties. Trade, while not extensive, continues to favor Singapore to the extent of some \$8 million annually. Canada exports newsprint, metals, wheat and industrial goods, receiving crude natural rubber, textiles and pineapples in return. A variety of Canadian products passes through the port of Singapore destined for other countries in the area, notably Malaysia and Indonesia. Canada's development assistance to Singapore has exceeded \$2.5 million, a large part of which has been used in a technical-assistance program to support Singapore students in Canada and Canadian technical experts in the field. Canada's training of Singapore students has been concentrated in engineering, medicine, nautical services and fisheries.

Canada has a High Commissioner in Singapore who is resident in Kuala Lumpur but makes periodic visits to Singapore. In his absence, the office is in charge of an Acting High Commissioner, who is an officer of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York is accredited as High Commissioner to Canada.

### Commonwealth Caribbean

The Commonwealth Caribbean-Canada Conference, which was held in Ottawa in July 1966, established a broad framework of guidelines along which the traditional relations between the two areas could develop. Considerable progress has been made in realizing the recommendations reached at the Conference, and this progress continued in 1969. As an expression of the close relations between Canada and the countries of the Commonwealth Caribbean, there has been a continuing review on matters of mutual interest. In addition to normal consultation at the diplomatic level, the exchange was carried out at several high-level meetings within the region at which Canada was represented and at a number of formal meetings in Ottawa between representatives of the Commonwealth Caribbean in Ottawa and Canadian Government officials to follow up on specific matters discussed at the Conference.