

WANT TO GIVE IT AS MUCH SUPPORT AS WE POSSIBLY CAN IN CANADA. SIMILAR CENTRES EXIST AT LEEDS AND AT BIRMINGHAM. BUILDING ON THE INTEREST OF BRITISH ACADEMICS AND ON THE FLOURISHING LINKS BETWEEN THEM AND THEIR CANADIAN COLLEAGUES, OUR HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON ENCOURAGES TEACHING, RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ABOUT CANADA. FACULTY ENRICHMENT AWARDS, FOR EXAMPLE, ENABLE BRITISH ACADEMICS TO VISIT CANADA EVERY YEAR. OUR HIGH COMMISSIONER, MR. JAMIESON, CHAIRS AN INDEPENDENT TRUST, THE FOUNDATION FOR CANADIAN STUDIES IN BRITAIN. WHILE THE GROWTH OF CANADIAN STUDIES IN BRITAIN HAS BEEN ESSENTIALLY A BRITISH PHENOMENON REFLECTING THE INTEREST AND COMMITMENT OF BRITISH ACADEMICS, WE, TOO, ARE COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING ITS IMPETUS.

SIMILARLY WE ARE FURTHER STIMULATING AN ALREADY FLOURISHING EXCHANGE IN THE CULTURAL FIELD. WE RECENTLY ENJOYED A VISIT TO CANADA BY THE ROYAL BALLET. ONE OF THE WORLD'S FINEST ORCHESTRAS, THE MONTREAL SYMPHONY, HAS JUST PLAYED IN LONDON. ONE OF LONDON'S LANDMARK THEATRES, THE OLD VIC, HAS BEEN RESTORED BY A CANADIAN AND LONDONERS THEN SAW A FINE REVIVAL OF THE MIKADO BY THE CANADIAN STRATFORD FESTIVAL COMPANY.

OUR HIGH COMMISSION ALSO SUPPORTS A LARGE NUMBER OF CANADIAN PERFORMERS AND ARTISTS BY PROVIDING ADVICE, CONTACTS, AND BY ARRANGING EXHIBITIONS THROUGHOUT BRITAIN AS WELL AS AT THE CANADA HOUSE CULTURAL CENTRE, REOPENED BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN MOTHER IN 1982.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN INCLUDE CURLING AS A CULTURAL ACTIVITY, BUT ON THE OCCASION OF OUR VISIT TO EDINBURGH, LORD ELGIN ENCOURAGED MR. JAMIESON AND MYSELF TO ISSUE A CHALLENGE TO HIS LOCAL BROOM HALL CURLING CLUB TO COME TO CANADA. WE ISSUED THAT CHALLENGE AND WE DID NOT EXPECT IT TO BE PICKED UP BUT HIS CLUB DID TRAVEL FROM ONE END OF CANADA TO THE OTHER, ALL THE WAY FROM HALIFAX TO OTTAWA. SOME PEOPLE WOULD THINK THAT THAT WAS FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER. OF COURSE IT WAS A RATHER EXCELLENT EVENT IN WHICH A LOT OF PEOPLE IN CANADA PARTICIPATED. THESE ARE IMPORTANT EXCHANGES WHICH WE OUGHT TO ENCOURAGE.

CONTACTS BETWEEN PEOPLE ARE AT THE HEART OF ANOTHER AREA WHERE WE HAVE RECENTLY MOVED TO ENCOURAGE CLOSER CONTACT, THE FIELD OF COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE CHIEF SCIENCE ADVISORS TO OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RECENTLY CONCLUDED A FORMAL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS THAT ESTABLISHES A MORE FORMAL STRUCTURE FOR OUR