

on greater energy efficiency in blast furnaces used in the production of steel. The project, announced in January of this year, involved twenty-six blast furnaces in Europe and Canada. Advances were also made in the possible use of the Canadian Energy Bus concept in Europe. The Energy Bus is designed and equipped to test the energy efficiency of particular industrial plants and then suggest methods of saving on energy consumption. The Canadian government indicated it would be willing to train technical staff in the use of this Canadian innovation which would enable interested Member States to install their own version of the Energy Bus. This may result in other such programmes in related fields.

Information was exchanged on the organization in Europe and in Canada of "Seminars on Technology" on new developments in the field of non-ferrous metals and industrial processes and on the implementation of a comprehensive programme established in December 1978 for cooperation in the sector of asbestos.

Both delegations emphasized the importance of the European mission to Canada on telecommunication data processing which will take place in November 1979. A significant number of European companies have already indicated their participation and many others have shown considerable interest in this endeavour to link up efforts leading to the continuing development of this new industry involving investment, technology-sharing and marketing. A similar Canadian mission visited Europe in 1978.

The Industrial Cooperation Sub-Committee welcomed the growing interest in trade and industrial cooperation with Canada shown by European industrialists. The Sub-Committee noted with satisfaction the successful visit of the BDI (Federation of German Industries) mission to Canada and expressed the hope that the forthcoming visits by Dutch, Italian, and Belgian industrialists would be equally successful.

At the General and Preparatory Sub-Committee it was noted that preparations were in hand for holding the third meeting of the Canada/EC Joint Cooperation Committee at ministerial level in Brussels on December 17.