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Editorial

It is perhaps fitting that this issue of *Canada Today* should have a strong focus on trade, since improving trade and encouraging the free movement of goods across international borders has been a consistent theme of the new government in Canada.

As the article opposite shows, the federal government has lost no time in backing its philosophical stance with specific legislation. The introduction of the proposed Investment Canada Act marks an important change – both in substance and in style – in Canada's attitude towards foreign investment and the growth of foreign participation within the Canadian economy.

On the back cover of this issue we have listed the key Canadian government contacts within the UK, who are concerned with promoting and furthering trade and investment.

And elsewhere we concentrate on two important areas where Canadian expertise is well established, and where interest among UK readers might reasonably be expected to be particularly high – ie, telecommunications (with an emphasis on cable television and direct satellite broadcasting) and offshore natural resources.

These are industries in which Canada has taken the lead. They are also industries in which Canada

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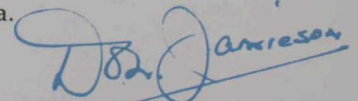
and the UK could work together, to the considerable benefit of both countries.

However, this issue of *Canada Today* is not devoted entirely to trade, as our cover story so clearly indicates. That article delves into the background of the Alex Colville exhibition that will soon be opening at the Canada House Cultural Centre Gallery in Trafalgar Square, London, and it explains some of the philosophy that lies behind some of the paintings that will be on display.

Alex Colville is recognised as one of Canada's most important artists. The exhibition is not to be missed.

This issue of *Canada Today* will be the last during my tenure as High Commissioner. The magazine has changed substantially since my arrival in London and I know these changes have been well received.

I wish to thank you for the support and encouragement received. I know that work will continue in the future to ensure that this High Commission produces lively and informative material on Canada.



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