



ABOVE: THE LATE PRESIDENT CHEDDIE JAGAIN ENGAGING THE ATTENTION of High Commissioner Simon Wade and others at Canada Day official ceremony, 1996.

moved into its own premises at High and Young Streets in Kingston and President Burnham expressed his satisfaction at the preservation of the historical building. “The renovation was a wild odyssey, full of adventures, crises, dumb decisions, but essentially a great joy”, recalls Mr. Graham, who served as Canadian High Commissioner to Guyana during this period (Graham 2002).

Since then, our Chancery has seen many high level visitors passing through its door. H.E. Roland Mitchener, Governor General paid a State visit to Guyana in February 1969. The Right Hon. Pierre Elliot Trudeau, then Prime Minister, came to Guyana in 1975 at the invitation of the then Prime Minister Forbes Burnham. H.E. Roméo Leblanc, Governor General, attended the funeral of late President Cheddi Jagan in March 1997. The Hon. David Kilgour was the most recent Secretary of State for Latin America and Africa to visit Guyana in 2000. Our visitors’ book has been of tremendous importance since it is filled with names of important Guyanese personalities from all sectors of activities who visited our chancery as well as groups of Canadians who have forged long-lasting ties with Guyana such as the National Defence College of Canada which visited Georgetown in December 1972 or the Canadian Youth Cricket Association who disputed cricket matches in 1992. Several representatives of Canadian organizations visited the High Commission for the launching of their projects such as Youth Challenge International and Crossroad International who have been