

work. Fewer positions arise in the clerical, secretarial or sales fields. Volunteer work is readily available in hospitals and a few other areas.

The Reciprocal Employment Agreement has been working effectively and those spouses seeking approval to work from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have encountered no delays.

In seeking employment in Jamaica it is necessary that the applicant be aware that the prevailing salaries are considerably below the level expected in Canada. This is true for every profession; however, the degree to which it applies varies by occupation. It has been suggested that, as a general guideline, salaries are one-quarter that of Canadian salaries.

Under the Reciprocal Employment Agreement, spouses are expected to pay income taxes to the Jamaican government. The present tax rate is 33 1/3% across the board for all income above \$8,000 Jamaican (C\$2,000) per year. Additional deductions are made for the National Insurance Scheme, Education Tax and the National Housing Trust.

Potential Employers

Bank of Commerce Jamaica Ltd.
University of the West Indies
Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Ltd.
IBM World Trade Commission
British High Commission
Hillel Academy
Allied Insurance Brokers Ltd.
Dyoll Insurance Co. Ltd.
Priory School and Trust Society Ltd.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (Port of Spain)

Reciprocal Employment Agreement: Yes
Approximate number of spouses working as locally engaged staff: 0
Community Coordinator contract work exists: Yes
Registered Nurse position exists at the mission: No

Trinidad and Tobago is in the midst of an economic recession and unemployment levels are high. As a consequence, employment opportunities are limited. Employment occasionally is available with the international agencies like the United Nations and its affiliates, the EEC, and other diplomatic missions.

UNITED STATES: GENERAL EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

A reciprocal agreement between Canada and the United States to exempt spouses of diplomatic and consular officials from normal work permit regulations was signed in 1980. The authorization of the State Department is, however, required in order for spouses to accept employment, except where such employment is with a diplomatic mission, foreign consulate, or an international organiza-