

consolidated the progress made in 1972-73 but broadened the scope of co-operation to a number of new fields such as public health, medical care delivery systems and medical sciences. During the mixed commission session, an agreement on principles of co-operation between sports organizations in Canada and the U.S.S.R. was signed, providing a basis for developing sports exchanges between the two countries, including hockey.

This year, the Stratford Shakespearean Festival Theatre and the National Arts Centre Orchestra both made successful tours of the Soviet Union and Poland.

Trade between Canada and the Eastern European countries continued to expand. Canada's main object was to acquaint these countries with its industrial capacity, especially since the Eastern European countries had been accustomed to look to Canada mainly for imports of grain. Statistics indicate not only that Canada is making significant

grain sales but that industrial goods sales are also developing steadily.

Bulgaria

Prospects for trade were enhanced when a renewed trade agreement was signed in Sofia in February.

Mr. Lucien Lamoureux, Speaker of the House of Commons, made an official visit to Bulgaria during 1973.

Czechoslovakia

A Canada-Czechoslovak claims agreement was concluded in Ottawa in the spring.

Hungary

In March, Deputy Prime Minister Valyi of Hungary and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade paid an official visit to Canada.

The recently-established resident Embassy in Budapest, under a chargé d'affaires, facilitated the further development of Canada's relations with Hungary.

Poland

Canada's relations with Poland continued to develop, with particular emphasis on economic and cultural activities. Exchange visits contributed to good relations:

□ Poland's Deputy Prime Minister, Jan Mitrege, and the Minister of Forestry and Wood Industry visited Canada;

□ Justice Minister Otto Lang visited Poland in April;

□ in December, Polish-Canadian trade consultations took place, providing for a long-term grain purchase-and-supply agreement by Mr. Lang and the Polish Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade, Dr. W. Wisniewski.

Yugoslavia

The signing of a trade agreement during an October visit to Belgrade by Canada's Minister of Industry Trade and Commerce was the highlight of relations between Yugoslavia and Canada in 1973.

German Democratic Republic

Discussions began in Warsaw between the Ambassadors of Canada and the German Democratic Republic with a view to establishing diplomatic relations. By the year's end, these talks had not produced agreement on all points under discussion.

Industry, Trade and Commerce Minister Alastair Gillespie, and First Deputy Chairman of Soviet Committee on Science and Technology, L. N. Yefremov, sign protocol in Moscow. (I.T.C. Photo)

