

Canada's exports to The Netherlands in 1974, amounting to \$380 million, represented an increase of 35.8 per cent over the level of the preceding year. Imports from The Netherlands reached \$162.4 million—a 37.6 per cent rise. Canada's sales to the Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union (BLEU) totalled \$363.4 million—29 percent up—while imports from the Union were valued at \$173.4 million, an increase of 67.1 per cent.

Switzerland and Austria

Canadian-Swiss relations, historically cordial, were marked by visits to Switzerland of Quebec's premier, Robert Bourassa, and officials of several other Canadian provinces. The embassy in Berne co-operated in providing useful introductions in government and business circles.

Despite 1974's serious economic difficulties, the volume of trade between Canada and Switzerland rose from \$181 million in 1973 to \$232 million, an advance of 28 per cent.

Close relations with Austria were also maintained in 1974. The high priority which both Canada and Austria give to the international organizations of which they are members was exemplified by their co-operation within the framework of UN peacekeeping operations in Cyprus and in the Middle East.

Trade between the two showed a slight increase over the 1973 level reaching a total of \$72 million.

Italy

The customary high degree of friendly co-operation between Canada and Italy, both bilaterally and in multilateral forums, continued in 1974. There were numerous intergovernmental exchanges of views on a wide range of subjects of common interest such as East-West relations, the global energy situation, the international monetary system and world food and population problems.

The meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Ottawa in June was the occasion for a visit to Canada by Foreign Minister Aldo Moro, later to become Prime Minister of Italy, and useful bilateral discussions took place during it.

Canada-Italy trade continued to increase during 1974, attaining a level of more than \$750 million, an increase of 46 percent over the previous year.

In accord with recent immigration patterns, almost 5,000 Italians came to Canada as immigrants in 1974. In September the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Emigration), Luigi Granelli, paid an unofficial visit to Canada during which he had informal talks with federal and provincial authorities and meetings with leaders of the Italo-Canadian communities.

In co-operation with Italian and Ontario authorities the Department assisted in arranging for a visit to Italy by Premier Davis in September.

In the area of cultural co-operation Canada was the featured country at the Sorrento Film Festival, thus enabling the Italian public to obtain a better appreciation of Canadian cinematic achievements. Also, a Canada-Italy Film Co-production Agreement was ratified in 1974.

Turkey

Canada maintained its friendly co-operation with Turkey in multilateral forums such as NATO and the United Nations. Useful co-operation was also effectively pursued in bilateral channels.

Foreign Minister Turan Gunes visited Canada for the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Ottawa in June. Subsequent to this meeting, events on Cyprus necessitated frequent exchanges of view with Turkish authorities on the Cyprus problem, particularly as it affected the operations of UNFICYP.

Two-way trade between Canada and Turkey in 1974 increased noticeably to a total value of \$41.5 million. Canadian