



THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA do not really share the continent's varieties. Many Canadians would find Alabama unfamiliar, and a fairly well informed Californian might be unaware of the beauties of Prince Edward Island. But people in the two countries do share a border which runs through woods, plains, lakes and in a few instances, houses. They share the skies, the winds, the sunrises and the smells of pine, fish, clover, cattle and smoke.

Canada's most considered gift to its neighbour this Bicentennial year is a book, *Between Friends/Entre Amis*, celebrating the 5,525 mile junction. Brilliant is a proper word for it.

In 1974 thirty-two Canadian photographers spent four seasons crossing the border back and forth, staying within twenty miles, taking and printing 60,000 pictures.

One photographer made six attempts (five aborted, one successful) to land on a remote lake near a metal marker between Alaska and the Yukon; one broke a leg when a prairie wind tipped over her car; and another hung suspended for several hours above the bridge at Ogdensburg, New York, waiting for an appropriate ship to pass below.

Lorraine Monk and her staff in the Still Photography Division of the National Film Board picked 220 pictures from the total, and Neil Shakery designed the 10.5-by 14-inch book. It was printed with four and five colour processes on specially manufactured paper and bound in red cloth.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau presented the prime copy to President Gerald Ford on June 16. It was encased in a bird's-eye maple replica of the lap desk used by David Thompson, a nineteenth century explorer and surveyor.

Another 19,999 copies of the book will be given to libraries, universities and prominent people in both countries. The book will then go on sale to be enjoyed, we hope, by millions.

CANADA TODAY/D'AUJOURD'HUI often considers distinctions; in this issue we stress similarities. (The distinctions blur completely with the Indian reservations and reserves which extend into both countries.)

Here are seventeen pictures selected from *Between Friends/Entre Amis*, the equivalent, we believe, of 17,000 words. We suggest you look at the people and places and try to guess who and what belong where before you read the captions.

Happy Birthday fellow North Americans!

COVER: The border comes down from the hills and cuts through Lyle Hurtubise's farm. At one time he could not feed the hay grown in Quebec to the cattle in Vermont without paying duty.