

heads in Ottawa, they also work under the general supervision and direction of the head of the mission.

The work of a mission is:

- (a) to conduct negotiations with the government to which it is accredited;
- (b) to keep the Canadian Government fully informed of political and other developments of significance in the country in which it is serving;
- (c) to watch over Canada's interest in the country;
- (d) to service Canadians in the country;
- (e) to make information about Canada available.

A constant flow of communications keeps the missions and the Department in Ottawa in close touch on all such matters.

#### *Qualifications for the service*

Those entering the external service of Canada do so on a career basis under the merit system.