

thinking. Because of the Board's work in this area, consultations between the two governments on defence matters, whether in times of peace or crisis, may be undertaken on the firm basis of each country's full understanding of the other's position.

*Future prospects*

The mixed military and diplomatic membership of the Board, the prestige and experience it has acquired over the years and the flexibility of its procedures give it unique qualifications for dealing with the sensitive and complex problems that arise under modern conditions in connection with North American defence. The Board can be expected to continue to make an important and valuable contribution in future to the maintenance of mutually-beneficial relations between Canada and the United States.

