

Factoids, Caring Canada

element: Harmonious labour-business-government relations

message: Canada Has A Strong Working Foundation

Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) is one of Canada's largest unions, with 150,000 members work in a wide range of occupations

95% of all negotiations conclude without a strike

Labour-management relations have shown a marked improvement in the public sector since 1998

element: High standards in its public health care, its legal and judicial system, its social services and its education system

message: Canada Has Excellent Health Care

Canadians are living longer, in 1997 Canada's life expectancy was second to Japan with a life expectancy of 79 years

Canadian Health Act

- committed to maintaining Canada's health insurance system that is available to permanent residents
- comprehensive in the services it covers
- accessible without income barriers
- portable within, and out of the country
- each province has its own health care plan that respects these basic principles

Health Care in Canada 2000 - Annual Report

- In 1998, health care spending per Canadian was almost 50% higher than 20 years ago
- In 1999, \$86 billion spent on health care, 70% of that came from public coffers

In 1998 there were 227,651 nurses in Canada; 56,203 civilian physicians (of this number, 27,661 are specialists); with 91 specialists per 100,000 population

message: Canada's education system is superior

Canadian education is comprehensive, diversified, and available to all

By law, a child 6-16 years old must attend school

5 million children attend public schools

Elementary and secondary systems employ close to 300,000 full time teachers

Canada ranks among the world's leaders in per capita spending on public education

Quality of education = quality of life