Canadian Studies Abroad

The Department continued its program of Canadian studies abroad designed to expand the nucleus of professors and students versed in Canadian subjects. The areas principally concentrated on during 1978 were the United States, Britain, France, Japan, Germany, Italy and Belgium.

Canadian studies continued to expand in the United States during 1978 under the co-ordination of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, which is supported by the Department of External Affairs and has more than 500 members drawn from nearly all 50 states. Contributions were made to Yale, Northwestern and Duke Universities to help develop academic interest in Canadian affairs.

The British Association of Canadian Studies received support from the Department for seminars and for publication of its <u>Bulletin of Canadian Studies</u>. A number of universities now offer courses pertaining to Canada. The Chair of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh's Centre for Canadian Studies, a Canadian History Fellowship at the University of Sussex in Brighton and a guest lectureship in Commonwealth History at the University of Leeds all received support.

Seventeen French universities are involved in the study of Canadian subjects, including Bordeaux and Grenoble, which have multidisciplinary Canadian Studies centres. In Paris, the Canadian Cultural Centre and the Maison des étudiants canadiens in the Cité universitaire both organize numerous activities related to this program. In 1978, 15 French universities received 2,200 books and subscriptions to 129 Canadian journals, magazines and newspapers. In 1978 also, six university professors from France obtained fellowships from Canada for research in Canadian studies; this formula encouraged the setting up of new courses. Some 30 Canadian professors received financial assistance in order to take part in conferences or seminars or to teach in French universities. Steps have been taken by both countries towards exchanges of some 65 graduate and post-doctoral students. Following a review of the selection criteria, the Canadian Government's assistance will now be awarded primarily in the Canadian studies sector or in fields in which Canada's expertise has been internationally recognized. The Department awards travel scholarships to persons selected by Canadian universities to act as English language monitors in French universities or lycées. This is a reciprocal program and the Canadian universities receive French language instructors in exchange. In 1978, 42 English language monitors from 21 Canadian universities took part in this program.

In the case of Japan, the Canadian studies program now encompasses some ten universities in the Tokyo and Kyoto area, and centres on a full-time visiting professorship of Canadian studies at Tsukuba, Keio and International Christian universities. The annual conference of the Japanese Association of Canadian Studies, held in November 1978, was attended by more than 40 Japanese scholars.