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Canadian forests are used for many purposes including recreation.

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Editorial

By any measure, one billion trees is a large forest. But it is not the size of the Canadian forest – far from it. It is merely the number of *new* trees that Canada will plant *in a single year*.

The planting of one billion new trees – the forest industry's target for 1990 – is not part of a massive, new crash programme. Instead, it is just a landmark along the way of a sustained policy of reforestation which has been in effect in Canada for the better part of a century.

Forests have always been important to Canada, so it makes sense – economically as well as environmentally – for Canadians to conserve them. In this issue, we look at some of the ways this is being achieved.

We also take a look at another subject that more recently – and more contentiously – has come to the forefront of Canadian life, and that is the need to restore a sense of fairness to the top levels of international sport.

Canadians were shocked by the drug scandals of the 1988 summer Olympics, which culminated in the disqualification of sprinter Ben Johnson. The shock was particularly acute since for a number of years leading up to the Olympics, the Canadian government had been actively trying to put the spirit of sportsmanship back into the country's competitive games.

Still on the subject of sport, we also examine the steps being taken – largely on Canada's initiative – to help revive the Commonwealth Games, which have recently been facing a range of political, structural and financial problems.

Elsewhere in this issue, we look at the burgeoning city of Toronto to examine some of the

reasons it has become a leading contender to host such international events as the 1996 Olympic Games and Expo 2000 – and why it has become a favourite among tourists and travellers who are looking for something altogether different.

We also take a look at the way the Canadian economy is gearing up for the 1990s, making adjustments to take into account the rapid changes being brought about by globalisation.

And we preview the upcoming exhibition at the Canada House Gallery in Trafalgar Square, where the works of two distinctive Canadian artists – William Kurelek and Jahan Maka – will soon be going on display.



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