

centennial year. The first Colloquium was held last year in Toronto, and discussions were stimulating but of a rather general nature. This year, attention focused on three fields — political relations, cultural relations broadly defined, and economic relations — where practical steps could be taken to strengthen the ties between Canada and Mexico. There was consensus that Canada and Mexico shared many interests, situated as they were on the same continent and having similar outlooks on many problems.

The following were some of the ideas on which there was a consensus at the meeting. It was considered that the foreign ministries of both countries should develop further the practice of consulting, through their respective embassies and in other appropriate ways, on major issues in foreign affairs, such as disarmament, in which the two countries have a common interest. The possibilities for trade and tourism should be further developed. Canada, it was felt, could make a constructive contribution to Mexico's economic development through the sale of needed capital goods and raw materials on credit terms competitive with those offered by other suppliers, while there were many areas in which Mexican products were only beginning to penetrate the Canadian market. It was suggested that Canadian universities could assist in training instructors required by Mexico's rapidly growing universities, and it was felt that both countries would stand to gain from exchanges of information in such fields as science and technology and research in educational problems.

The report of the second Colloquium, drafted by Mr. Victor Urquidí, President of El Colegio de México, and Mr. John Holmes, Director-General of the CIAA, will be submitted to the interested authorities in both countries. It outlines areas in which private groups, businessmen, and the Governments of the two countries could promote closer co-operation between Canada and Mexico.

The centennial in Canada has been a matter not only of looking back at the country's first 100 years but also of taking stock and preparing for the future. It also seems clear that thoughtful persons in Canada and Mexico are also devoting increasing attention to the possibility of increasingly effective relations between Mexico and Canada as two North American nations destined to develop far closer links in the next century than during the past one.