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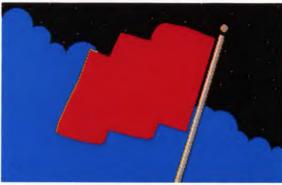
Telidon is proudly Canadian. It was developed by Canadian government scientists and engineers and is manufactured by Canadian business. As a result of joint co-operation and extensive R & D efforts, Canada today leads the world in the design and production of sophisticated Videotex hardware and software.

The Telidon story begins in the late 1960s when revolutions in electronic miniaturization had reduced computers to desk top size. This new technology made it feasible to develop electronic information centres for the home and office. At the heart of such centres would be an interactive television system capable of displaying pictures, sound and text.

Canada had long been a leader in the field of telecommunications. Its scientists believed that they could make a significant breakthrough in interactive television. Research on a superior graphics system was carried out during the first half of the 1970s at the Communications Research Centre of the federal government's Department of Communications. In 1975 the scientific team had reached a point where a Canadian company was given a contract to develop compatible hardware and software. Two years later, Telidon's revolutionary Picture **Description Instructions Language**

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