

## CANADA'S RELATIONS WITH SWEDEN

Sweden established diplomatic relations with Canada in 1943 and opened a mission in Ottawa the following year. Canada, for its part, opened a diplomatic mission in Stockholm in 1947 which since 1956 has had the status of an embassy.

Sweden exports to Canada principally machinery, stainless steel and automobiles. Canada's exports to Sweden are mainly minerals and food-stuffs. In 1971 Canada's exports to Sweden amounted to some \$112 million with Sweden sending to Canada goods valued at about \$45 million.

Canada's population of Swedish birth and descent approximates 130,000.

Mr. Wickman's visit is part of a continuing exchange of visits and views between Canada and Sweden. In 1969 the Canadian House of Commons' Standing Committee on External Affairs and Defence visited Sweden to study Swedish foreign and defence policies. In the same year a corresponding Committee of the Swedish Riksdag visited Ottawa. Also in 1969, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Hon. Mitchell Sharp, paid an official visit to Sweden. Last June the Hon. Jack Davis, Minister of the Environment, led the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm. In September of last year Team Canada played two games in Stockholm with Sweden's national hockey team.