

An exchange of letters between the two Governments is included as part of the agreement which will enable the Canadian provinces to make their own agreements with France, either within the framework provided by the general agreement (and the exchange of letters) or with the assent of the Canadian Government.

In announcing the general cultural agreement, Mr. Martin noted that during the past few years new opportunities for exchanges have developed and new possibilities for Franco-Canadian cooperation have become apparent. The agreement has been designed to take advantage of these developments. As a result of this agreement, said Mr. Martin, cultural exchanges between France and Canada will in the future be better coordinated, will present greater and more varied opportunities, and will be substantially increased.