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In the past month I have conferred with some 40 persons, including External Affairs officers; those officials of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs most directly concerned; the present editor and three former editors of "International Canada"; and a variety of university professors of history or political science whose speciality is Canadian foreign policy and who make constant use of the documentation available in this field.

The first question that needs to be answered, it seems to me, is: "Is "International Canada" an adequate record - a permanent record - of Canadian foreign policy? Is it one that is genuinely helpful to our missions abroad, and to those also in our own Department and other Departments in Ottawa who are actively engaged in one aspect or another of foreign policy. Finally, in addition to interested segments of the public, is it an adequate record for the purposes of the academic world - professors of international relations, historians, researchers and so forth who are dependent in their work now and in the future on comprehensive and readily accessible documentation?

Without minimizing the valuable aspects of "*International Canada*", and unquestionably there are some, the concensus is that the publication does not constitute such a record.

"*International Canada*" is useful because of its scope. From the international point of view it covers the waterfront; not just the activities of External Affairs but those of all departments in Ottawa. No other publi-

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