Foreign investment capital has traditionally been welcomed when it is or will be of significant benefit to the country. Foreign investors have put more than \$45 billion in Canadian companies and corporations and this total is still growing. Canada offers them many opportunities and good rates of return. At the same time, it welcomes entrepreneurs interested in establishing small businesses. Most investment is from the United States, but European investors have contributed approximately 17 per cent of the total amount.

Canadian foreign direct investment, on the other hand, stands at \$12 billion, with at least half being in the United States. Europe has \$2.5 million in Canadian investments and so do Central and South America. Most of the remainder is in Australia and Asia.

The work force

Today, the Canadian labour force includes more than 10.5 million, or 62 per cent of the country's 73



