

alternate years. In 1978, the Canadian writer Jacques Godbout and the Australian poet Thomas Shapcott were the recipients. Certain libraries abroad that were repositories of Canadian books had their collections augmented by the Department's annual donation of Canadian titles.

### Sport

The Commonwealth Games were held in Edmonton from August 3 to 12, 1978, and were attended by almost all Commonwealth nations despite fears that the issue of sports contacts between New Zealand and South Africa might lead to the withdrawal of various countries from the Games, as happened at the Montreal Olympics in 1976.

The Cuban Minister of Sport visited Canada in December as a guest of the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport. As a result of this visit, a very active exchange schedule was arranged for 1979, including the provision by Canada of a coach for the Cuban National Swim Team on a long-term contract. Though Canada has received many coaches from abroad during the development of its national sport program, this was the first time it had been able to provide such assistance to other countries.

### UNESCO

The activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, encompassing the natural and social sciences, education and culture, are of interest to many governmental departments and agencies in Canada, both federal and provincial, to institutions of higher learning, and to a number of private organizations and individuals. The Department co-operates with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO to ensure that the organization benefits fully from Canadian experience and that affiliated Canadian bodies are kept informed of matters that concern them.

UNESCO's General Conference, which meets every two years to discuss the organization's biennial program and budget, gathered in Paris during October and November. For the first time in UNESCO's history, a Canadian, the deputy-head of the delegation, Professor Napoléon LeBlanc, was elected President of the General Conference.

### Youth exchanges

Under various programs, young people from Canada and abroad were given the opportunity of visiting each other's countries, where they stayed with families, worked on public-service projects and travelled extensively. The Young Leaders Program involved students from Belgium and France in exchanges with young Canadians, and a summer-work program exchanged students between Canada and Germany. The Young Technicians Exchange Program involved young professionals from Canada and Mexico.