

by 1992, and Canada's own Free Trade Agreement with the USA, point to major impending changes which should give further stimulus to the growth of our bilateral trade and investment relations.

It was to reconfirm the continued importance of the Community to Canada's economic and trade interest that, last month, the Prime Minister called on EC Commission President, Jacques Delors. His intent was to give renewed political impetus to Canada's relationship with a key economic partner. Mr. Clark's meeting with Mr. De Clercq is a further step in the process of political bridge-building with the Community aimed at pointing the way both to a larger and more intensive bilateral trade and investment relationship, and to increased collaboration on multilateral issues of mutual import such as the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and agricultural trade reform.