the great powers have recognized that in certain small but well－defined areas they had an identity of interest．They have had the realism to give tangible expression to that identity of interest．This is welcome evidence of a new approach．These steps are desirable in themselves．Moreover，the very process of reaching agreement diminishes the enormous reservoir of suspicion built up over recent years，and thereby makes possible the further steps needed to attain the final goal．．．

## GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Grants totalling $\$ 75,000$ have been awarded by the Geological Survey of Canada to 14 universities for research in the geological sciences，the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys，Mr．William Beni－ dickson，announced recently．Awarded annually since 1951，the grants now total $\$ 560,000$ ．This year they range from $\$ 500$ to $\$ 4,000$ ，and are in support of $21^{\circ}$ new projects and 22 continuing studies．

Mr．Benidickson referred to the grants as＂an in－ vestment in the future of young Canadian scientists from which the nation will be among the chief ben－ eficiaries＂．＂By stimulating and supporting geo－ logical research and helping to provide equipment， these grants are one means of encouraging graduate students to continue their studies in Canada，＂he
said．They would also help to maintain a desirable scientific climate for the professional staffs of Can－ adian universities，he added．

In the 13 years since the grants were first award－ ed，more than 160 scientific papers have been pub－ lished on projects aided by the Geological Survey of Canada． the technical and artistic film resources of the two countries，provides for the co－operative production of short and feature films．This arrangement，it is believed，will stimulate Canada＇s languishing feature－ film industry and facilitate the distribution of its products abroad． Bousquet，signed for France and the Canadian sig－ nature was affixed by the Secretary of State for Ex－ ternal Affairs，Mr．Paul Martin．

The agreement，which involves the pooling of

## FRANCE－CANADA FILM PRODUCTION

The Franco－Canadian agreement on the joint－ production of films announced early in August was

