

The European Community covers an area almost one-sixth the size of Canada. Within it live 230 million more people than live in Canada. The combined gross domestic product (GDP) of community members is about nine times that of Canada. The Community is the world's largest producer of cars and a leading producer of farm goods. It is the world's largest trader and the major buyer of imports from developing countries. It is one of the world's most generous donors of foreign aid.

More than 100 countries have accredited diplomatic representatives to the Community. It has negotiated trade or association agreements with more than 70 countries in Europe and elsewhere.

While the Community is not a "super-power", its economic strength gives it a voice in world affairs.

#### Some Comparisons

	European Community	Canada
Area (thousands of square miles)	590	3,852
Population (millions, 1973)	256.6	22.1
Civilian labour force (millions, 1972)	103.2	8.9
Civilian employment by sector, 1972		
Percentage in agriculture	9.5	6.9
Percentage in industry	43.5	30.9
Percentage in services	46.9	62.2
Percentage of civilian labour force unemployed (1974)	2.6	5.4
Gross national product (1974, billions of dollars)	1,133	140
Per capita national income (1974, dollars)	4,393.00	4,804.00
Exports (1974, billions of dollars)	190.0	31.2
Imports (1974, billions of dollars)	124.9	31.5
Exports from Canada to the European Community (1974, billions of dollars)		4.0
Imports to Canada from the European Community (1974, billions of dollars)		3.1

*Canada's Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and senior Canadian Government officials confer with members of the Commission in Brussels.*