

PREFACE

Canada is well respected around the world as an international peace-keeper and as a partner in the development of Third World countries. Our athletes, artists and musicians perform worldwide. Canadians export a vast range of natural resources, agricultural products and sophisticated manufactured items. To our customers around the world, we successfully sell Canadian goods and services in such diverse sectors as medicine forestry, telecommunications and gourmet foods. International trade is more important to Canada than to Japan, or the U.S.A., or most European countries. One out of every three jobs in Canada depends on exports.

The Department of External Affairs organizes and supports many events and activities designed to increase Canadians' knowledge of Canada's international achievements. This book, funded by the Department, is designed for teachers and students in elementary schools - the stage at which life-long attitudes and interests are formed.

It is hoped that **CANADA: OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD** will arouse young Canadians' interest in the entire spectrum of international activities. Today's ten year olds can be tomorrow's diplomats, peace-keepers and exporters.

