

The northern pipeline treaty, involving the biggest project of its kind in world history, was negotiated in surprisingly short order, despite dire predictions to the contrary. Several key issues involving the St. Lawrence Seaway were settled without recourse to formal legal proceedings. The contentious Garrison Diversion is to be modified to allay Canada's legitimate concerns and the International Joint Commission has again demonstrated its worth in dealing with this and other environmental problems, some in the Detroit-Windsor area.

Only a few months have passed since our two countries declared the 200 mile off-shore limit but already Canada and the United States have accepted the concept of joint management of fish stocks and our negotiators are making good progress towards a permanent boundary settlement. All of these developments and many more have occurred during 1977; a very good record for two countries whose governments and people are involved in literally thousands of transactions every day.

A Windsor-Detroit audience does not need detailed reminders of the extent of our inter-dependence but a few statistics are in order. Canada and the United States do more business together than any other two countries on earth. American exports to Canada equal those to all of the European Economic Community and are two and a half times US exports to Japan. Canadian cross-border sales dwarf our exports to the rest of the world with Canadian auto sales alone worth one and a half times everything we send to the EEC.