

to Canadian firms for services and goods when their tenders were competitive with those of other countries. In other meetings, Tunisian ministers outlined the projects and needs of their departments to the Canadian business delegation which was invited to submit tenders.

Among subjects discussed during the three-day meeting was the Canadian development programme in Tunisia and the mutual benefits that could result from the new forms of co-operation being introduced in middle-income, developing countries.

The Government of Canada's position received favourable comments from members of the Canadian business delegation at the bilateral meeting. Said Mr. Marcel Sicard, President of Tecsalt International Ltd. of Montreal, "Never have we seen such political willingness by our government to assist in finding foreign markets so as to increase employment in our own country". According to Mr. J.E. McWilliam, President of Potatoes Canada, Fredericton, N.B., "This is the first time I have been on a ministerial mission. I feel it a most effective avenue to allow Canadian businessmen to meet their counterparts and talk to government through proper channels."

Mr. De Bané is also accompanied by senior officials of the Department of External Affairs, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Canadian Export Development Corporation and Energy Mines and Resources Canada.