

January 1964. The objectives of the agreement as set out in its preamble are to strengthen the traditional ties of Franco-Canadian friendship by developing cultural, scientific, technical and artistic exchanges, and to encourage the dissemination of the French language. The arrangement provides for the establishment of a Franco-Canadian joint commission to examine how the agreement can best be implemented, and, in particular, to draw up a programme for submission to the two Governments.

An exchange of letters between the two Governments is included as part of the understanding which will enable the Canadian provinces to make their own arrangements with France, either within the framework provided by the general agreement (and the exchange of letters) or with the assent of the Canadian Government.

Cultural Programme with French-Language Countries

In keeping with the spirit of the new cultural agreement with France, the Canadian Government's programme of cultural relations with countries entirely or partially of French expression, which was inaugurated in 1964, received an expanded appropriation of \$1 million, which made it possible, in the academic year 1965-66, to offer awards for teaching in Canada to 16 professors from France and to 118 scholars from France, Belgium and Switzerland. A group of 14 distinguished scholars and scientists from these three countries visited Canada in May to familiarize themselves with the facilities and activities of Canadian universities and scientific institutions. In the field of the arts, grants were made to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra for a series of three concerts in France and to the Montreal theatre company "Les Apprentis Sorciers" to attend the International Amateur Theatre Festival in Monaco. A meeting of senior French and Canadian officials was held in Paris in September to review the existing programme of exchanges between France and Canada, and to formulate future plans.

In the operation of this programme, the Government has the advice and assistance of the Canada Council, which also conducts its administration.

Education Liaison

The Department provides liaison with competent national organizations on educational matters deriving from Canada's relations with other countries and its membership in various international organizations. Included are such activities as the NATO Academic Exchange Programme and the ICETEX Scholarships Programme with Colombia, membership on the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee in London¹ and questions of Canadian representation in international meetings concerned with various aspects of education.

In carrying out these responsibilities, the Department has the invaluable advice and assistance of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada on matters of interest to institutions of higher education, the Canadian Education Association, which provides liaison with the provincial departments of education, and many other organizations with specialized interests in the educational field.

Among other activities in the field of education was the awarding of grants to the German-Canadian Association of Hanover-Cologne to facilitate the visit to Canada of 26 German students in co-operation with the

¹ See also Chapter II, P. 15, regarding the Commonwealth Scholarship Programme.