

portation and construction industries will provide new outlets for the metal, both in the developing countries and in the industrialized ones.

### *The future*

The Canadian mining industry faces a considerable challenge in the future. If mineral resources are to continue to be vital in the growth of the economy and to contribute to the country's prosperity, it is essential that the long-term exploration program be intensified. Thus the development of new prospecting techniques will lead to the discovery of new deposits in geological environments once considered to be sterile, and in the northern regions, where undiscovered riches lie. In addition, more thorough exploration is required in the marine regions of Canada to discover the resources in the seabed.

Efforts will be made to develop new techniques to work deposits that were formerly considered no longer minable, and to recover metals from fragments. Technological development might well lead to the discovery of new uses for products which today are considered worthless. And since most of the ores are exported in crude or partially processed form, Canada will seek to further develop its processing operations.

As a main exporter of minerals, Canada must increase its contribution to international planning for mining development and to the exchange resulting from such planning. In short, with some effort Canada should be in an excellent position to remain one of the world's major producers of minerals. With a favourable economic situation, its mining industry should remain strong and competitive internationally.