



## AGREEMENTS

North America is a natural geographic unit. Canadians and Americans share its skies, its winds and its opportunities. They live in harmony, by agreements.

Many of the most important ones are both protective and economically creative. For example, the Columbia River, the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Alaska Highway have been commercially productive without despoiling the countrysides.

Early this year, President Reagan and Prime Minister Mulroney signed a new one to eliminate tariffs between Canada and the U.S. over a 10-year period. It may be the most important agreement the two countries have ever signed.



It is designed, when implemented, to eliminate tariffs and many non-tariff trade barriers, and in many areas it sets a new standard for international trade agreements.

It is a long step down a familiar road. The two countries have worked in harmony for more than a century to solve common problems and achieve common goals. The cooperation has become proverbial and it is based on a solid reality. Both countries believe in core essentials: in representative government, in the rights of the individual and in the careful and patient administration of jus-

*The border between Flathead, B.C., and Glacier National Park, Montana.*

tice. Both believe that governments should foster the economic well-being of their peoples.

Both believe that harmony between nations comes from hard work. The results of their common efforts are currently embodied in 227 treaties and other agreements, covering commerce, transportation, fisheries, wildlife, pollution control, defence and a great many other activities.

In this issue *Canada Today d'aujourd'hui* reports on the most recent agreement, on trade, and on a variety of other agreements through which the two countries work together to make life in North America richer, safer, freer and more secure.

*Cover: Massena, N.Y., lock of the St. Lawrence Seaway. The Seaway International Bridge between Cornwall, Ont., and Rooseveltown, N.Y., is in the background. This picture and those on pages 2, 4 and 12 are from **Between Friends/Entre Amis**, a collection of photographs of the boundary between Canada and the U.S. and the people who live alongside it. The book was produced in 1976 as Canada's bicentennial gift to the U.S.*