

On July 2, the Franco-Canadian Joint Commission completed the work of its fourth session in the national capital. The Commission meets alternately in Paris and Ottawa to study progress made in artistic, cultural, university, scientific and technical exchanges between the two countries.

The French delegation was led by Mr. Paul Fouchet, Minister Plenipotentiary and Director-General of Cultural, Scientific and Technical Relations of the French Foreign Ministry. Mr. André Bissonnette, Assistant Under-Secretary of State at the Department of External Affairs, chaired the Canadian delegation.

Various measures were arranged in connection with the current development of bilingualism in Canada, particularly increased assistance from France in the matter of language training.

In the traditional area of artistic exchanges (plastic arts, theatre and music) the two parties put forward a variety of suggestions, among which were a projected Canadian tour of the Jean-Louis Barrault - Madeleine Renaud Troupe, a showing in France of the exhibition Borduas and the automatists and a tour by the Théâtre du Nouveau Monde.

Flexible procedures have been designed for exchanges of individuals, especially those involving young people, and these should permit fulfilment of the increasing variety of demands in this field. The scholarship program was considered satisfactory and will be maintained.

Finally, the Joint Commission noted with satisfaction the development of scientific exchanges and has indicated that, wherever this seems appropriate, efforts will be made to direct them towards genuine cooperation in fields of common interest.

The talks have led to concrete results and took place in a most friendly atmosphere.