

ly in the central and northern regions where mining and forestry activities account for two-thirds of all jobs.

Ontario has the largest and most diversified agricultural sector in Canada, with still untapped capacity to expand food output, to replace products now imported and also to expand current exports. Because of the Province's strategic location and its efficient farming sector, entire new high technology industries based on agricultural commodities could develop over the next decade. To ensure accelerated growth in this sector, the Province is planning to invest in new food processing enterprises, to expand the storage facilities for growers and to expand production of perishable crops which have previously been imported in large quantities from the south. Land clearing, drainage and farmstead improvements will also contribute to increased agricultural potential. In the more distant future, the Province will look north to the millions of hectares of virgin soil which should be able to ensure grain supplies in the 21st century.

In Ontario's forestry sector a \$1,600 million investment boom is currently underway. Pulp and paper companies have committed themselves to long-term modernization programmes, and new projects such as waferboard and particleboard mills have been launched. The Province plans to pursue five main objectives during the 1980s to reinforce the supply base of quality timber and to maintain the industry's competitiveness: (i) a comprehensive forest management to ensure forest regeneration, (ii) accelerated research on biomass energy, (iii) the initiation of commercial-scale plantations of hybrid poplars for biomass use, (iv) the recycling of newsprint and (v) the development of new technology to maximize the efficiency of wood utilization.

Mineral production is Ontario's leading primary industry in terms of value of output and export earnings. The principal products are nickel, copper, zinc, iron ore, gold, silver, uranium and structural material such as limestone. To maintain its capacity, the Province is stimulating new exploration, is facilitating the development of known deposits and is promoting the design and manufacture of mining machinery and equipment.

Ontario's resources and its advances in the technology of resource industry are of considerable interest to trading partners and investors in Europe. The Industrial Cooperation Sub-Committee, operating under the Canada/EC Framework Agreement for Commercial and Economic Cooperation, has brought together Ontario and EC businessmen and officials in the areas of both metals and minerals and forest products for visits, seminars and joint projects. The New Delegation General of Ontario in Brussels, which opened this year, will guarantee a substantial and useful contribution by that Province to programmes of cooperation between Canada and the European Community.

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#### PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO BEAT INFLATION

On October 19, 20 and 21, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau took the unusual step of addressing the Canadian people directly on the state of the economy. On the first evening he underlined the seriousness of the economic situation and some of the causes of