

Switzerland

Capital:	Bern
Population:	6.48 million
Head of State and Government:	President Kurt Furgler
Chief, Dept. of Foreign Affairs:	Pierre Aubert
Economy:	Manufactured products (electrical machinery and appliances, textiles and yarns, chemicals, dyestuffs, watches and clocks), banking services, insurance, high-quality cheese and other dairy products, livestock, fruits

Swiss-Canadian Relations: Canada enjoys excellent relations with Switzerland. Our Swiss colleagues have been valued interlocutors on matters of common interest (e.g. human rights, environmental questions, and extraterritoriality issues) and we consult each other frequently in such multilateral fora as the CSCE, UNESCO, and the UNDP. We have signed an air agreement with Switzerland and we are continuing discussions on various legal agreements. From January to September, 1985, two-way trade amounted to \$515 million CAD, with Switzerland exporting nearly twice to Canada what we exported to Switzerland (in terms of value of goods).

Kurt Furgler, President of Switzerland: Born in 1924. Lawyer. Member, National Council, 1955-71; Leader of the Christian Democratic Party Group in the Federal Council; Member, Federal Council, 1972-present; Vice-President, Jan-Dec, 1976, Jan-Dec, 1980, Jan-Dec, 1984; President, Jan-Dec, 1977, Jan-Dec, 1981; Head of Federal Department of Justice and Police, 1972-83; Head of Department of Political Economy, 1983-present.