

to be more selective about the terms on which foreign capital enters the country. Some 17% of the net annual capital inflow to Canada has been going to purchase existing concerns rather than to develop or expand industries. This sort of inflow may or may not be in the national interest. The Government wishes to ensure that it is. The purpose of the Government's legislation is, therefore, to ensure that this kind of capital inflow will only be approved when a particular take-over will, on balance, be of significant benefit to Canada.

Broadly speaking, there does not seem to be great opposition to the idea that legislation for this purpose is appropriate. The criticism is rather that the legislation does not go far enough. What can one say to this? If there is general agreement that the legislation is sensible and timely, surely