

Our contribution must be as catalysts in the creation of a climate propitious to successful and imaginative undertakings in such areas.

In this realm, the major development in 1977 from the Canadian point of view was the series of visits of our businessmen to the Community's Headquarters in Brussels. In March, members of the Minister of Industry Trade and Commerce's Advisory Board met with you and your colleagues to explore how the Canadian private sector could best cooperate with its community counterpart; and one outcome was a second rather different mission to Brussels in November, headed by my colleague the Minister of Industry Trade and Commerce, involving 150 Canadians from across the country representing a wide range of economic sectors. These and other visits during the year have provided us with many practical recommendations on which we shall draw in future.

Less visible but in rapid succession, new forms of cooperation have been explored in fields as diverse as non-ferrous metals, aerospace, forest products, nuclear equipment, construction, and information equipment. But there is sometimes confusion about what industrial co-operation means. With industry - and on your side, with member states, and on ours, with provincial governments -