

United States

The program in the United States is an important component of the "Third Option" policy of projecting an understanding of the Canadian image "distinct but in harmony". In 1975, some budgetary support was provided for Canadian studies in universities across the United States, usually in the form of funding for conferences, speakers and seminars. The Department also provides some support for the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS), which now has 353 members and a successful journal, *The American Review of Canadian Studies*.

Britain

Despite the close traditional academic links between Britain and Canada, little attention was given in Britain to Canadian studies until quite recently. The situation has now changed swiftly and significantly. In September, the British Association of Canadian Studies was formed at a meeting at Leeds University. In October, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. MacEachen, inaugurated the Chair of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh, endowed by both public and private funds. The purpose of this chair is to help expand the existing program of Canadian studies at Edinburgh and, at the same time, stimulate a corresponding interest on the part of other British institutions of learning. The tenure of the chair is annual, and the holders' specializations will rotate to cover the fields of history, political science, economics, geography, law and the arts. Further courses in Canadian studies may be introduced progressively at the Centre. The first incumbent of the chair is Professor Ian Drummond, an economist from the University of Toronto.

In 1974-75, the first visiting Canadian Studies Fellow in Britain, Professor Ian MacPherson of the University of Winnipeg, was based at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies in London and lectured widely throughout Britain.

France

There is a similar long-standing need to develop Canadian studies in France. Spade-work over the last two years has indicated the development of some real but, in the main, still potential, interest at 20 French universities. Interdisciplinary Canadian studies are most advanced at Bordeaux, where a centre for Canadian studies was established in 1971.

The program in France will consist largely of short-term assignments of Canadian academics to selected university centres in France, such as Bordeaux, and of invitations to French academics who have an interest in Canadian studies to come to Canada for short periods of research and study. The program will also include conferences and speakers, regional seminars and support for an academic newsletter. The first issue of a journal in this field, *Etudes canadiennes — Canadian Studies*, was published in December 1975.