

about world problems could enhance Canada's capacity to play an independent role in international affairs.

In a recent typical year, more than 60,000 Canadians visited Latin America and some 25,000 Latin Americans came to Canada. Those travelling in both directions included tourists, businessmen, engineers, scientists, other academics, artists, musicians, students, athletes, delegates to meetings of professional associations and government representatives. In addition, increasing numbers of Canadians move to Latin America to stay permanently or for extended periods; they include members of private organizations, both religious and lay, of whom more than 2,000 are now active in several Latin American countries. In the reverse direction, there is a modest flow of emigrants from Latin America to Canada each year.

There are now some two dozen organizations in Canada which pay attention to Latin American affairs, a few of them exclusively, and there are centres of Latin American studies in several Canadian universities. In many parts of Latin America there is increasing interest in Canada in the private sector; this interest is organized to some extent—for example, a Mexico-Canada businessmen's committee was recently formed for the purpose of promoting trade and investment. In general, the prospects for a closer people-to-people relationship seem good.