

In response to this salute to their skill and courage the astronauts praised the important technical contributions which Canada had made to their mission, not least of which were the design and manufacture of the legs of the lunar landing module.

As mentioned previously, the Division works closely with the International Joint Commission and is in working contact with the Canadian Government. During 1969 -- as in 1968 -- the Commission's activities have been diverse, both as to nature and to area, with trans-boundary air and water pollution being of major concern. At the semi-annual meeting of the International Joint Commission held in Ottawa during October, the Commission considered the final reports of its international advisory boards on pollution in Lake Erie, Lake Ontario and the international section of the St. Lawrence River, and also the report by its Lake Erie board on potential pollution from oil-well and gas-well drilling activities in Lake Erie. In addition, the Division is involved with the International Joint Commission in its studies on Great Lakes water-levels and on trans-boundary water problems in New Brunswick and the State of Maine.

In November, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence began a study of Canada-United States relations, and the Division prepared for the study a background paper on Canadian Government instruments for conducting relations with the United States. The Standing Committee's consideration of this subject will continue into 1970.