

point of government hospitality. To cope with the continuing increase in the number of distinguished visitors from abroad, the Government established an interdepartmental Government Hospitality Committee under the chairmanship of the Chief of Protocol of the Department of External Affairs. The first major task of this committee was the planning of the visit to Canada in September and October of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal.

Canadian participation in the work of the International Supervisory Commissions in Indochina has continued to require the use of staff drawn from Ottawa and posts abroad, with a consequent reduction of trained staff available for other purposes. Recruiting for the Department has continued, with a slight increase in total personnel. In most parts of the world Canada now has its own diplomatic posts, with corresponding representation of other countries in Ottawa, and through these and supplementary channels the Canadian Government is kept informed of developments which may concern it in the field of international relations.