



HIGHLIGHTS

There is no more important external relationship for Canada than that with the United States. In trade each is the other's best customer. In 1983 the United States bought 72.9% of Canada's exports, the highest share in 35 years, and was the source of 71.6% of Canada's imports.

Japan is Canada's second largest trading partner. The United Kingdom is third but its share in both exports and imports declined during 1981-83.

In recent years, the USSR and China have been predominant buyers of Canadian wheat. Venezuela is the leading supplier of oil to Canada.

Development of diplomatic and commercial relations with almost all the independent African states has been accompanied by a growing program of Canadian development assistance to Africa. In Asia substantial development aid has gone to Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. In 1983 Canada reaffirmed a commitment to the Commonwealth Caribbean as a priority region for aid and development.