

in Canberra and in other parts of Australia, and there is no doubt that their visit has done much to strengthen further the good relations that exist between the Governments and peoples of Australia and New Zealand.

The Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Industries and Commerce, the Minister of Agriculture, and the Minister in Charge of Social Security visited Canberra during the year for consultation and discussion with Federal Ministers of the Crown. Subjects under discussion included, among others, the Commonwealth discussions in London, sterling area arrangements, dollar expenditure and proposals for economic integration between New Zealand and Australia, the purchase of wheat, and reciprocal social-security arrangements.

The Office performs a function that is unusual in other overseas posts. Some Governments which have no diplomatic representatives in New Zealand accredit their diplomatic officers at Canberra both to Australia and New Zealand, and the High Commissioner's Office is one of the channels of communication between the New Zealand Government and the Governments of those countries. India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Norway, and Eire are some of the countries referred to.

A film library is maintained in the Office and requests for the screening of New Zealand Government films are increasing with the growing interest of Australians in their nearest neighbour. Publicity and information on New Zealand is distributed by the High Commissioner's Office as well as by the New Zealand Travel Managers in Sydney and Melbourne.

Constant liaison is maintained with the other New Zealand Government offices in Australia, with the Trade Commissioners and Travel Managers in Sydney and Melbourne, and with the New Zealand Defence Liaison Officer and New Zealand Scientific Liaison Officer in Melbourne. Colonel C. J. S. Duff, D.S.O., was replaced by Colonel D. T. Maxwell, O.B.E., as New Zealand Defence Liaison Officer. Colonel Maxwell is also military adviser to the High Commissioner. The bulk of the New Zealand Government procurement work in Australia is done by the Trade Commissioners' Offices in Sydney and Melbourne, but a number of cases involving Government policy or requiring representation to Federal Ministers or negotiations with head offices of Federal Departments are referred to the High Commissioner's Office. The purchase of wheat and eggs, the export of Merino ewes, the payment of Federal income-tax by New Zealand Government rehabilitation bursars studying in Australia, and the provision of chartered flights on the Tasman service are a few examples of the questions taken up directly by the High Commissioner in Canberra.