

the United States whether they would be prepared to co-operate in the implementation of this programme, which is expected to extend over a 10-year period. The Canadian Government agreed in principle to participate in the programme that has been drawn up by the bank, on the understanding that the funds required for this purpose would be provided as part of our increased Colombo Plan contribution. I am confident that the House will endorse the Government's view that it is in Canada's interest to help in the solution of a problem which has stood in the way of better relations between two of our Commonwealth partners in Asia.

Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme

One final Commonwealth development certainly deserves mention here. At the Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference held in Montreal last year a Commonwealth scholarship scheme was agreed to by the governments there represented. It was envisaged that in time there might be as many as 1,000 Commonwealth students studying under the auspices of the scheme in Commonwealth countries. At Montreal, Canada undertook to be responsible for one quarter of this total or about 250 places at any one time. The cost of this commitment to Canada is estimated at about \$1 million annually.

As I informed hon. members last week, detailed discussions about the implementation of the proposed scholarship scheme will take place at a Commonwealth Education Conference to be held from July 15 to July 29 at Oxford; in other words, it starts next Wednesday. The purpose of this conference is to work out the scope and detailed arrangements of a Commonwealth scholarship scheme. In addition, however, the conference will have a wider mandate;

--to review existing arrangements for Commonwealth co-operation in the field of education and to make recommendations for any improvement or expansion that may be possible, particularly in regard to the supply and training of teachers.

On July 3 I announced to the House the composition of the Canadian Delegation to the Commonwealth Education Conference. I indicated at the time that members of the delegation would be required to leave for the United Kingdom over the week-end and that accordingly I foresaw some difficulty in adding representatives to the delegation at that stage. However, the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam suggested that there should be a representative from a teachers' federation, and I am glad to tell the House today, as I have already been able to tell the hon. member, that through the good offices of the Canadian Teachers' Federation it has been possible to add Mr. G.A. Mosher to the delegation as a teachers' representative from the province of Nova Scotia.