

A. We do find that we must have men who have been trained in the department before we can send them abroad. Moreover, as the members of this committee I am sure are all aware, many of our heads of posts are non-career men. They are men who have followed some other vocation and been appointed heads of mission, but we do find they would be in great difficulty if they did not have assisting them at their elbow these young men we have trained who are experts in that type of work. That is very necessary. Any of the non-career men who went abroad would admit they could not function properly without that assistance.

The CHAIRMAN: We have government officials abroad who go out of their way to help people who visit their office. That was my experience and I heard that from several Canadians visiting Europe at the time.

Mr. CROLL: The Department of External Affairs has been within recent years the fastest growing department in the government and most of the universities have counsellors, personnel counsellors, and have not they been keeping an eye out for bright capable young men who have an inclination to enter government service and have been directing them towards the Department of External Affairs with the result that you have been able to get about the best there is in Canada?

The WITNESS: That is very true. I agree with every word of it.

Mr. GREEN: To what extent are young men being brought from India, Pakistan and Ceylon for training in Canada under the Colombo Plan?

The WITNESS: That is as you know quite an extensive part of the Colombo Plan program to bring men from these countries and train them in Canada.

Mr. RICHARD (*Ottawa East*): And young women too.

The WITNESS: I think we will have to get those figures, but we can give them to you.

*By Mr. Green:*

Q. In other words some young people come in that way and there are others coming from different industries in these other commonwealth nations for purposes of observation. For example, a year or two ago there were quite a few young hydro electric engineers brought to Canada I think. I don't suppose they came here for university training but mainly to observe?—A. That is still being done. That is part of the Colombo Plan technical program to observe certain fields of endeavour that can be helpful to them.

Q. Can we have a report on that?—A. Yes, we can give you the details on that later.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any more questions on the general statement made by Mr. Wilgress.

Mr. GRAYDON: May I ask Mr. Wilgress for some further details?

The WITNESS: Here are some details as to the number of experts and trainees we have taken up to the 31st of December: from Ceylon 4 experts, 9 trainees; India 1 expert and 52 trainees; Pakistan one expert and 43 trainees; a total of 6 experts and 104 trainees.

*By Mr. Green:*

Q. Do these trainees attend Canadian universities?—A. In some cases, yes. In other cases they go to industries or they might go to some undertaking and be trained in that undertaking. There was one working at the Film Board here and there are various types of technical training.

Q. Is it the intention to extend that undertaking or have we reached the limit of it?—A. We are constantly giving attention to that side of the Colombo program.