



A diesel locomotive being loaded at the pier, St. John, New Brunswick, as part of Canada's contribution to the Colombo Plan.

value greatly in excess of its monetary cost, not only in relation to national economic development but also as a contribution to international co-operation and human relations. By the end of the period under review, the total number of scholarships and training awards granted by member countries under the Colombo Plan technical co-operation scheme had reached 6952, and the total number of technical experts in the field since the Colombo Plan began had reached 1002. In addition, technical assistance outside the technical co-operation scheme was provided on a large scale by the United States. The Consultative Committee noted a steady growth in the establishment and development of training facilities within the countries of South and Southeast Asia. Of the total training awards under the Colombo Plan technical co-operation scheme, the proportion provided by countries within the area increased from 11 per cent to 20 per cent during the year under review.

Canada's Role

The Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, when speaking in the Consultative Committee on the various initiatives taken recently to give fresh impetus to the concept of international assistance for economic development, referred to the Canadian Government's intentions in the following words:

In all these initiatives I am glad to say that Canada is playing a full and active part. We have agreed to contribute our share to the proposed expansion of the resources of the International Bank and the International Monetary Fund. We have pledged a