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LEADER OF CANADIAN DELEGATION VISITS BOMBAY

The Minister of Fisheries Mr. dames Sinclair, on the occasion of his visit during November to the Tardeo Vehicles Depot of the Bombay State Road Transport Corporation, to which Canada has supplied a substantial number of vehicles under the Colombo Plan.

In Nepal, the construction of 79 miles of motor road to connect Kathmandu and Bhaise was started in September 1952 and the track has already been rendered fit to be negotiated by jeeps. Five important districts were connected with each other by air services. A systematic geological survey of Nepal was got under way. A Central livestock development farm was established at Kathmandu. A village development scheme was inaugurated with trained workers.

In Pakistan, satisfactory progress was made with the various multipurpose and irrigation projects. The lower Sind barrage was brought to an advanced stage. The total electric power capacity was increased from 70,000 to 140,000 K.W. The cotton textile industry made remarkable progress. The number of spindles installed, or in process of being installed, amounted to 950,000 as against 178,000 at the time of partition. Similarly the number of looms increased from 4,824 to 13,300. The jute textile industry also made satisfactory progress. 3,000 looms were already in production and were able to meet the internal requirements of the country in respect of jute goods. Two woollen mills with 9,652 worsted spindles and five mills with 4,906 woollen spindles, went into operation. Machinery for 3,660 woollen and 1,060 worsted spindles had arrived and was under installation. Four cotton seed oil plants with an annual crushing capacity of 19,500 tons had gone into production and additional capacity for 57,500 tons was under construction. A sugar mill with an annual capacity of 35,000 tons of sugar was established. A 50,000 ton ammonium sulphate fertilizer plant is under construction.