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AUSTRALIAN TRACTORS AND TRUCKS FOR CEYLON

Tractors and motor-trucks being loaded at Melbourne for Ceylon under the Colombo Plan Technical Co-operation Scheme.

mittee meeting. This system, by placing the emphasis on direct contacts, keeps overhead costs to a minimum and makes for a high degree of efficiency in the day-to-day operations of Colombo Plan assistance programmes.

How Capital is Provided

How does a "donor" country, for example Canada, provide capital assistance under the Plan? First the Asian government concerned suggests to us certain projects with which it thinks we can help and we look into the matter with them and decide what we can most usefully do. In this process the authorities concerned with economic development both in the Asian country and in Canada, as well as the diplomatic missions in each country, all play a part. We have now worked out in practice a variety of methods which are flexible enough to provide for differing needs and at the same time based on mutually accepted administrative and financial principles. The Departments of External Affairs, Trade and Commerce, Finance, Agriculture, National Health and Welfare and Labour, as well as such agencies as the Bank of Canada, all play a part in this work.*

* The Department of External Affairs has prepared a paper outlining the main principles which govern the provision of Canadian aid, and which also contains a summary statement of Canadian capital assistance under the plan up to the present time.