

of an Embassy in Yaounde will afford an excellent opportunity for strengthening these natural ties. Earlier this year the Government established a \$300,000 annual programme for educational assistance to the French-speaking countries of Africa, which the new mission will help to administer. It is hoped that the Mission will also be able to promote the development of further programmes of technical assistance for these countries in fields in which Canadian experience will be useful.

Tanganyika will become independent December 9, 1961, and the Government of Tanganyika has agreed to the Canadian Government's proposal to appoint a Canadian High Commissioner in Dar-es-Salaam as soon as possible after the date of independence. This appointment is a mark of the importance which the Government attaches to the establishment of close relations between this new member of the Commonwealth and Canada. Tanganyika, with a population of 9,000,000 and a special reputation for the achievement of racial harmony within its territory, will have an influential position among the African states.

It is expected that, as has occurred in other new Commonwealth countries in Africa, the common interests between Canada and Tanganyika will grow rapidly during the latter's first years of independence. The Canadian mission in Dar-es-Salaam will have important functions to fulfill, particularly in the field of educational and technical assistance under the Special Commonwealth African Aid Programme.