

organs for dealing with housing and the other requirements for building new communities. We would be very pleased to welcome visitors from other countries - both senior officials and younger people in training - for periods of technical instruction in our housing agency.

Countries of comparatively small population, such as Canada, which do not have a great supply of technical personnel to offer for service in other countries can give only limited help through outgoing missions. In such circumstances, we believe that technical resources should be concentrated in a few selected places so that personnel could become familiar with the needs, the economic and social problems and the resources of the country.

A continuing relationship of this kind, between governments and professional people on both sides might be an important step towards a phase of collaboration in the actual production of housing material, components and equipment. As far as possible, of course, housing must be constructed out of the local materials of each country. But the way of putting these to most effective use will usually depend on the introduction of tools, manufacturing processes and assembly apparatus. It is at this stage that an industrialized country such as Canada is most likely to be helpful to a country which has all the raw material at hand but cannot put it into use without the right tools and equipment.

Finally, such collaboration would provide opportunities to share experiences in the "staging" of large construction projects. In this regard, there are skills available in my country which should be useful at this stage because so much of our national growth has involved planting a civilization in the wilderness.