



Canadian experts inspect the finishing operations of a water supply tank on the new experimental area at the University of Ceylon.

Assistance in Co-operative Field

At the time of writing, a Canadian agricultural and co-operative team is in the subcontinent to investigate what further technical assistance Canada can give in the agricultural and co-operative fields. The team, consisting of two officials from the Department of Agriculture, the Director of Extension of St. Francis Xavier University and the Chief Inspector of the Fédération des Caisses Populaires of Quebec, will be spending three months in all visiting India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

While more emphasis is being placed upon recruiting of Canadian experts and instructors to give technical assistance in the under-developed countries, the training in Canada of persons sent here from these countries continues as an important feature of the Colombo Plan programme of technical co-operation. In large part the success of this part of Canada's technical assistance programme has been made possible by the co-operation of universities, provincial government and private agencies and individuals across the country who have received these persons for training.

Course for Administrative Officers

Among the more interesting and successful of the training programmes arranged in Canada under the Colombo Plan was the comprehensive five-months' course given to 12 junior administrative officers from the Civil Service in Pakistan. Their programme, which included instruction at all levels of public service, was made possible by the collaboration of different agencies of the federal government, the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec, Laval and St. Francis Xavier Universities, and many other institutions and industrial firms. During their stay in Canada these young Pakistanis lived in private homes and were thus able to get a picture of normal life in Canada as well as the opportunity to study and observe administrative methods in this country.

Health Mission

Another interesting programme was arranged during the past year for six senior health officers from India and Pakistan who came to Canada to study the organization of federal and provincial health