

encouraging an active partnership between the Government and the voluntary organizations in Canada working in the field of international development.

Finally, I should like at this time to announce that the Canadian Government will institute a programme of senior fellowships and visiting educationalists' awards to be financed out of the increased appropriation already approved for the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan for the fiscal year 1964-65. This will be over and above our commitment at the Oxford Conference to make available one-quarter of the total number of scholarships under the Commonwealth Scholarship Plan. We have made remarkably good progress in fulfilling this objective and the target of 250 is now in sight. It therefore seems particularly appropriate to embark on a senior fellowship plan.

This will undoubtedly be recorded as an important and rewarding meeting. We are proud, as Canadians, to welcome such a distinguished group of educators, to share our experience with you, and to profit from the knowledge of education in all its aspects which you bring to us. This gathering represents the Commonwealth at its best and will surely serve to strengthen the value and the meaning of Commonwealth ideals. Our work constitutes a constructive, practical and forward step in the direction of shared educational resources within the Commonwealth. Education, the symbol of hope for mankind, is the only firm basis for progress toward that ordered and peaceful world we all hope to see established for this and future generations.

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