



OF THE CANADIAN AND INDIAN DELEGATIONS THAT CANADA AND INDIA HAD AGREED TO DEVOTE THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT DOLLARS 10 MILLION IN COUNTERPART FUNDS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGHER TECHNOLOGICAL AND POLYTECHNIC SCHOOLS IN INDIA REFLECTS THE KEEN INTEREST TAKEN BY CANADA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHER TRAINING FACILITIES AND THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE TECHNICAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES. BOTH THESE INDICATIONS THAT CANADA IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE INCREASED ASSISTANCE FOR THESE PURPOSES WERE EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED AT THE CONFERENCE.

THE EXTENSION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING TEACHERS IN CANADA AND ABROAD WILL, OF COURSE, BE UNDERTAKEN AS PART OF CANADA'S EXISTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME TO WHICH THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION HAVE MADE A MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION.

THE IDEA OF A COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE ORIGINATED AT THE COMMONWEALTH TRADE AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE HELD AT MONTREAL IN 1958 WHEN CANADA PROPOSED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE EXCHANGES OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WHICH TOOK PLACE UNDER THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME OF THE COLOMBO PLAN, THERE SHOULD BE EXCHANGES AT A HIGH EDUCATIONAL LEVEL TO ENCOMPASS THE NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, LAW AND OTHER ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES NOT NORMALLY COVERED BY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IT WAS AGREED AT MONTREAL THAT A CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD THIS YEAR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM TO FORMULATE THE SCOPE AND DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR A RECIPROCAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME AND TO REVIEW THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMONWEALTH CO-OPERATION IN ALL FIELDS OF EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE SUPPLY AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS AND FACILITIES FOR TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION WHICH WERE KNOWN TO BE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION AT OXFORD WAS HEADED BY THE HON. GEORGE BREW, CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON AND INCLUDED