

A few days earlier, the Seaway Authority, in co-operation with the Economic and Technical Assistance Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce and the Engineering Institute of Canada, conducted seven Mexican university scientists and engineers on a tour of the locks at Montreal, Beauharnois and Cornwall. This group was in Canada, under a plan sponsored by UNESCO and the Bank of Mexico, visiting engineering and scientific institutions.

At the beginning of October, the Maharaj Kumar of Kotah, a state of central India, and his wife were provided with a tour of the navigational and power facilities in the International Rapids section of the Seaway. Members of an international committee of naval and military officers of Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom were also conducted round the Seaway area during the month.

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CANADIAN FUNDS FOR MALAYA

It was announced by Prime Minister Diefenbaker on October 20 that agreement had been reached between the Canadian and Malayan Governments on the allocation to seven Malayan projects of a portion of the Colombo Plan funds voted previously by the Canadian Parliament. Canadian equipment to the value of \$1,165,000 would be provided for road construction, civil aviation, technical training schools, the University of Malaya, fisheries and forestry research centres. The announcement was made at the conclusion of a special meeting of the Cabinet attended by the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra.

PART OF BROADER PROGRAMME

Mr. Diefenbaker said that agreement on these projects represented an important stage in the programme of Colombo Plan co-operation with Malaya undertaken by Canada since 1957, when the Federation had become independent. Earlier in the year agreement had been reached on several other Canadian contributions of equipment to Malayan development in the fields of university engineering research, small-scale industries, fish processing and agricultural soil research. In addition, Canadian experts had been co-operating with the Malayan authorities in the development of Malaya's economy in such fields as agriculture and hydro-electric power, and a substantial number of Malayan students were coming annually to Canada for training under the Colombo Plan Technical Assistance Programme.

At the same time, the Prime Minister announced that Malaya's share of the total Canadian Colombo Plan funds voted for 1960-61 would be \$2 million. The apportionment of these funds to specific projects would be a matter for discussion between the two governments.

EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION

The Prime Minister said that the seven Malaya projects were splendid examples of the positive ways in which Canadian Colombo Plan funds were being put to use. These projects were all in fields where Canadians had considerable experience and specialized knowledge and where they would make an effective contribution to the economic development programme which their Commonwealth friends in Malaya were pursuing. The Prime Minister recalled that he had been impressed by Malaya's own efforts to bolster its economy during his visit to the Federation in 1958 and he said he was particularly gratified to be able to make this announcement on the occasion of the return visit by the Prime Minister of Malaya.

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INDIAN NARRATIVES PRESERVED

Lore of the Plains Indians is presented in "Indian Days on the Western Prairies," the latest book by Dr. Marius Barbeau, retired ethnologist of the National Museum of Canada.

The 234-page volume contains 75 narratives, nearly all recorded by Dr. Barbeau in 1926 when he listened, with interpreters, to the stories of Blood, Blackfoot, Stony, Cree, Sarcee and Kootenay Indians. These narratives, together with material related by other westerners with special knowledge of Indian life and culture, provide genuine insights into Indian life and manners and preserve numerous legends, incidents and anecdotes that otherwise would be lost to history.

Several chapters from Dr. Barbeau's 1923 book, "Indian Days in the Canadian Rockies," which is now out-of-print, provide a social and historical background to the tales.

The book is illustrated with 15 pen-and-ink sketches of well-known Stony and Kootenay Indians done from life by W. Langdon Kihn in 1922 and 150 illustrations originally done by Canadian and American Indians of the plains. A number of these are reproductions of designs and descriptive paintings done on buffalo or elk hides, while the remainder are crayon and pencil drawings.

"Indian Days on the Western Prairies", designed by Arthur Price, Ottawa artist, and published by the National Museum of Canada as an anthropological bulletin, is available from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, for \$4.00.

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FIRE PROTECTION IN QUEBEC

Quebec will benefit from federal aid for forest-fire protection. A forest-fire protection agreement with the province has been signed and Quebec now joins the other provinces in sharing in the five-year \$5-million project set up by the Federal Government in 1957.