

### Co-operation

But I do not overlook the fact that within the Commonwealth there are differences which at times do cause anxieties. Yet, over and above these differences and, I hope, ultimately contributing to their solution, are ties of true and abiding friendship. These are the intangible bonds which make possible that remarkable association of peoples of different races, colours and creeds, working together on a basis of complete equality, which we call the Commonwealth.

One of the most constructive types of Commonwealth co-operation is economic co-operation under the Colombo Plan. This Plan was born out of the desire of Commonwealth countries to help one another, and out of a splendid concept, new in the history of international relations, that the countries which happen to be more highly developed industrially should co-operate with countries less highly developed in the industrial field in their efforts to improve the economic conditions of their people. I am glad that, in a number of ways, Canada has already been able to co-operate with Pakistan in this field. And I can assure you that we look forward to continuing this co-operation in the years ahead. As they have with the various programmes for assistance under the sponsorship of the United Nations and its agencies the Canadian people have entered into this enterprise with whole-hearted enthusiasm. It will be a particular pleasure for us to welcome in Ottawa next September the delegates from Pakistan and other countries who will attend the meetings of the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee.

### The Trip

When I leave your national capital I will fly north, passing over your great wheat-growing area to the historic city of Peshawar. While there I will see something of your famous frontier region and then I will fly on to the lovely city of Lahore. I very much regret that the time at my disposal will not allow me to visit East Pakistan, which plays such an important part in the economic and political life of your country. I have heard a great deal about East Pakistan both from the Canadian High Commissioner, who was on tour there recently, and from my colleague Mr. Sinclair, who visited the two parts of Pakistan a few months ago. I wish I could see the great jute-growing areas and the famous city of Dacca and other places in East Bengal. That unfortunately cannot be. But I am glad to be able to tell you that, in addition to the assistance we have been giving and are continuing to give to development projects in West Pakistan, we are now actively considering the provision of equipment for important projects in the eastern part of your country.

### Pakistanis

When one thinks of Pakistan, both East and West, one is greatly impressed with the courage and enterprise with which you are tackling your many difficult problems. And the solid progress you are making as one of those new and promising national societies which have lately emerged out of the ancient civilizations of Asia again to enrich the world. Personally, I like to think of the many Pakistani