

this type of training. Last year, about 100 students received training through these group programmes in co-operatives. This year, it is planned to provide training for 130, and as many as 50 more may be placed in new group courses.

The group programmes are designed to prepare candidates with the knowledge and managerial skills to organize, administer and promote cooperative endeavours. These programmes have evolved to where they now offer specialization in rural development, agricultural marketing, credit union management -- and, for the first time this year -- fisheries cooperatives. Students will shortly arrive for this course from 18 countries.

The training given in these fields is not management training in a narrow sense. Rather, we are consciously preparing students for a leadership role in their homelands. To this end instruction in community development subjects, adult-education, and the social sciences is included as an integral part of the co-operative programmes. One programme, lasting an academic year as compared with the usual 4 to 6 months, has as its special emphasis the preparation of those who will have a broad community leadership role. This is the Social Leadership course offered at the Coady International Institute of Saint Francis Xavier University.

The shorter courses are conducted at several institutions, all of which have built up reputations for excellence in their fields. These are Western Cooperative College in Saskatoon, the Coady International Institute again, -- world renowned for its efforts in promoting self-help abroad since the 1920's -- and in Lévis, Quebec, l'Institut Coopératif Desjardins. These are the