

I was among those at the Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference at Montreal, although only on one occasion. It was there agreed that scholarships be made available to students and teachers in Commonwealth countries. The purpose of the scholarships is to make available to young men and women, to whom we hand our heritage of wisdom, an opportunity to learn a wide variety of the subjects of each other's and in each other's lands. Within the next few years there will be a thousand students and teachers participating. Canada will undertake the responsibility of looking after one quarter of the students and also the same proportion of the teachers and experts needed in these countries.

All through the generations of the past, it was a good tradition that scholars should travel. And that is what these scholarships will do. They will throw open the thresholds of learning and create a diversity of understanding and of knowledge. Our peoples will have the opportunity to share under the Colombo Plan and within the Commonwealth the tremendous benefits that come to mind and to body when nations co-operate together. We have continued to accept increasing numbers of foreign students. Four thousand foreign students are in Canadian universities today, five percent of the total enrolment. We have also opportunities for foreign graduate students, including PhD's, who each year have available to them in Canada a large number of fellowships tenable in the laboratories of the National Research Council, in some of the universities and in the Federal Government Departments of Agriculture, Mines and Technical Surveys and National Health and Welfare. These fellowships know no restrictions of nationality. They are open in competition as between Canadians and foreign nationals. Last year 192 of these fellowships were held by fellows from 28 countries, including one from Pakistan, and during the next few months there will be two from this country. Only today I read in the press the announcement of a policy which I believe is indicative of our attitude of co-operation - the announcement of a two-year policy whereby we will make available to the various medical faculties in the universities of ten Colombo countries \$2,500 for medical books, or a total of \$100,000. In other words, in a spirit of co-operation we are building for that brotherhood which is of the essence if peace is to be maintained.

I know there are those who say, what if the Commonwealth cannot survive? Well, those who are cynics and indifferent and selfish say it cannot be. Others endeavour to plot to divide the people of the free world in order to weaken us. Mr. Chancellor, one of the memories that I will carry from this nation is this - the vital unity of the people, a dedication. You have the same feeling that we have.