

disposal of the Colombo Plan. In these great projects we are naturally greatly interested; but we are also concerned with sharing our experience in helping the small land-owner to make his farm more productive with less labour, through the use of mechanical techniques, of scientific methods of pest control and of improved breeding strains, whether of plants or of animals. In not much more than a century we have brought half a continent into cultivation and have become one of the world's chief suppliers of food; in doing this, we have borrowed much from our neighbours and our kinsmen, and what we have learned may be of use to you.

But although we may have something to give and to teach, we have also much to receive and to learn. In this vast country of ours, we have found out something of how

we may live and prosper; but from the East with its ancient cultures we have much to learn of the abiding things that bring comfort and delight to the mind and heart. We should like to know more of your art and of your riches in poetry and in philosophy. We in Canada have learned how to tame a wilderness and to work with nature in creating material prosperity; but this we realize is not an end in itself, and indeed, much of our prosperity depends upon the effectiveness with which we can share our resources with you and with the rest of the world. Of the technical processes and skills useful in increasing production we have something to impart; for the purposes to which a greater measure of material prosperity may be devoted we may properly turn to you, since according to our ancient proverb: "Out of the East cometh wisdom".