

more and more Canadians are being found to fill technical and educational positions in the Asian countries. It is of interest to note that the services required of Canadian experts are not limited to advisory functions: the greatest demand is for the type of expert who combines the giving of technical advice to the recipient government with the training of people in that country who can carry on with the development project or with the local training programme long after the Canadian expert has returned home.

### Relationship Between Capital and Technical Assistance

Frequently the provision of technical assistance is connected with, or leads to, or results from a capital aid project. A good example of this is to be found in Canadian assistance to the fishing industry in Ceylon. It was on the basis of the advice and recommendations of a Canadian fisheries expert that the Ceylon Government proposed, and Canada accepted, the fisheries project which was described in some detail earlier in this article. Canadian technical assistance for this particular project did not end, however, with the assignment of the expert who worked out the details of the project. He himself will be remaining in Colombo beyond the period of his original term of duty in order to see the project through its initial phase. Moreover, four Canadian fishermen will accompany the two fishing vessels and will instruct Ceylonese fishermen in the operation of the craft and in mechanized fishing methods. The trawler also will be officered by experts who will remain in Ceylonese waters until a Ceylonese crew and Ceylonese officers have been sufficiently well instructed to carry on on their own. Similarly, the cold storage plant will remain under the supervision of Canadian technicians until the Ceylonese are thoroughly familiar with its operation. As a matter of fact, a Canadian expert in refrigeration has been in Ceylon for over a year and is already associated with the plans for the cold storage plant.

The construction of a cement plant in Pakistan, which forms part of Canada's capital aid programme, provides another illustration of the inter-relationship between capital and technical assistance. As

the project goes forward, selected Pakistani workers and engineers will be trained in the maintenance of the plant and in actual cement-making methods. The photographic and geological survey of Pakistan, another capital aid project, also includes the training of Pakistani personnel both in the field and in the Canadian laboratories of the company carrying out the survey.

### Agricultural Assistance

In the field of agriculture, two Canadian experts have recently accepted assignments in Ceylon under the Colombo programme for technical co-operation. One of these, formerly Professor of Agriculture at the Ontario Agricultural College, is serving in Ceylon for a period of three years as Head of the Department of Agriculture of the University of Ceylon. He will, in effect, be reorganizing the University's Department of Agriculture. It may well be that as a result of his work further assistance will be given by Canada to the University, including the provision of staff members and of training facilities in Canada for Ceylonese agriculturists who will replace experts lent by Canada. The other Canadian agricultural expert, who is on loan from the Soils Department of the University of Alberta, is serving in Ceylon for one year as Director of a Soils Division of the Government of Ceylon.

Last year a Canadian biological expert, who is an officer of the Commonwealth Biological Control Institute, undertook a three-month mission to India and Pakistan to investigate the possibility of setting up Commonwealth biological control institutes in those countries. As a result of his survey, the Governments of both India and Pakistan have made applications for Canadian assistance under the Colombo Plan in the establishment of biological control stations. These stations will provide instruction and demonstration in pest and weed control for those not skilled in use of insecticides. Action is now being taken on the Indian and Pakistan requests and it is expected that this same Canadian expert will be returning to the sub-continent to serve as director for the stations in both countries.