MEDICAL BOOK PROJECT

Canada will offer $2,500 worth of medical books to each of 76 recognized medical school libraries in ten Colombo Plan countries in South and Southeast Asia. This special two-year Colombo Plan Programme is expected to cost a total of $196,000. The countries in which these medical schools are located are Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, South Vietnam and Malaya.

The idea for this scheme originated with a team of Canadian doctors, led by Dr. Wilder Penfield, which was invited by the Governments of India, Pakistan, and Ceylon to visit these countries in 1956 to give lectures to medical doctors and scientists, and to be available for consultation. The visit also provided the Canadian Government with the opportunity to obtain a report by experts on the most effective ways in which Canada might contribute to the improvement of public health and medical facilities in the Colombo Plan area.

Canada has already provided assistance in this field under its Colombo Plan Programme, including the provision of 24 Canadian experts and the accommodation in Canada of 118 doctors and nurses from the area. The book project which is now being launched is expected to make a further useful contribution to medical education in the countries of South and Southeast Asia.

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NEW SESSION IN QUEBEC

The third session of the Province of Quebec's 25th Legislature was opened by Lieutenant-Governor Onesime Gagnon on November 19. It was the first session to be opened by Mr. Gagnon since his appointment as Lieutenant-Governor last January.

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