



*A floating crane loads a locomotive destined for Ceylon as part of Canada's contribution to the Colombo Plan.*

A further point to note is that no direct financial grants are made under the Canadian Colombo Plan programme. All of Canada's assistance takes the form of goods, equipment or technical services which are available in Canada, and which are needed for a specific development programme or project in the recipient country. In considering individual projects, the main factors in the Canadian Government's decision to fill a particular request for assistance are whether the project is likely to make an effective contribution to economic development in keeping with the objectives of the Colombo Plan, and whether the goods or services needed are within Canada's capabilities. For example, Canada does not normally supply such things as building materials, which are likely to be available locally in the recipient country. Nor does Canada attempt to accept requests which might be more easily met by another participating country, or by one of the international agencies which provide economic and technical assistance.