

military mission at present in Ottawa. It seems that Pakistan took the initiative in opening an office here because of its great interest in obtaining military and other supplies from Canada. Their officials have said on several occasions that Pakistan has dollars to spend in North America on munitions and capital goods.

The interests of Canadian companies in Pakistan are now not large but may be expected to grow. Pakistan desires to encourage "foreign" investment and apparently would particularly welcome Canadian capital. Pakistan also desires technical assistance from abroad and plans to send personnel to other countries, including Canada, for advanced education, especially technical training.

(g) The Canadian community in Pakistan is at present small, and there are consequently limited consular responsibilities, but the number of Canadians is likely to increase, especially if business with Pakistan grows.

Personnel Establishment

4. It is thought that, owing to conditions in Karachi, including the problems of day-to-day housekeeping or administrative work in an Eastern country, the need for special summer leave because of the climate, as well as the division of the country into two regions, our mission should have the following Canadian personnel:

- High Commissioner
- First Secretary
- Third Secretary
- Canadian male clerk
- 2 or 3 women stenographers

At the beginning, it is thought that the officers should preferably be unmarried because of the difficulty in securing suitable accommodation.

In addition, some locally hired staff would be required. The present Trade Commissioner in Karachi would presumably become Commercial Secretary of the mission and would continue to have his work done by locally-hired clerical staff.

Appropriation

5. Approximately \$35,000 is available in the Estimates for the opening of an Office in Karachi during the financial year ending March 31, 1950. This should, of course, be regarded as an appropriation for operation during part of a year only. (These Estimates have not yet been voted by Parliament: during Interim Supply about half of \$35,000 would be available.)

Accommodation

6. As Karachi only recently became a national capital, and has had an enormous increase in population as a result of the war and the creation of the new state, accommodation of all kinds is exceedingly difficult to obtain. A number of diplomatic missions already in Karachi have apparently not been able to obtain more than a very few rooms in the principal hotel for both living and office purposes. However, our Trade Commissioner in Karachi has reported recently on plans to build new office premises and residential bungalows. He is being encouraged to endeavour to have suitable office and living quarters for the Canadian staff of a