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Canadian Data Processing Advisor to Pakistan

The Department of External Affairs announced today the appointment, under the Colombo Plan, of Mr. Jean-Théophile Lamontagne (61) of Quebec to advise the Government of Pakistan on data processing for the agricultural census now being taken in East and West Pakistan.

This agricultural census is a major step in the Government of Pakistan's programme to deal with the problem of food shortage. Mr. Lamontagne will be carrying on the work originally planned by Mr. J.H.B. Gann of British Columbia who, under the Colombo Plan, spent some months in Pakistan in 1959 working on the development of a programme for tabulating the census.

Mr. Lamontagne, a resident of Quebec City, received his education at the Ecole Normale Laval. He was employed for ten years as a teacher by the Quebec City School Board. and, in 1930 he joined the provincial Department of Agriculture as a statistician where he introduced the punched card system. He transferred to the provincial Department of Trade and Commerce in 1936, and was subsequently appointed Chief of the Data Processing Service. During the war Mr. Lamontagne served with the Canadian Army both in Canada and overseas. As Deputy Assistant of Military Government Relief, he attained the rank of Major. In 1946 he returned to civilian life.

Prior to his departure from Canada, Mr. Lamontagne will have consultations with Mr. Gann in Vancouver and will then proceed by air to Karachi where he expects to arrive on October 6. He will remain in Pakistan for at least 12 months.