



A village worker training school in the State of Madras, India.

the programme. This would allow not only for the supply of essential training equipment along with an expert appointed under the Colombo Plan but would also present a positive opportunity for integrating activities under the Colombo programme for technical co-operation with the technical assistance activities of the United Nations. Thus a project sponsored by the United Nations or one of its Specialized Agencies in South or Southeast Asia might be assisted by the provision of a "missing component" by Canada as part of its Colombo Plan programme.

### Canadian Experts Recruited

During the earlier phase of its participation in the programme for technical co-operation, the Canadian contribution was restricted for the most part to making available in Canada training facilities for persons nominated by the Asian governments. More recently efforts to recruit Canadian technical experts for service in

the under-developed countries have met with greater success. The difficulties in locating suitable, highly-qualified experts who are prepared to devote a year or more to service in the Colombo Plan area are considerable. Canada is, itself, engaged in a colossal programme of economic development and the need and the opportunities for technically trained Canadians are great. Disruption in normal personal life is often a deterrent to prospective candidates, particularly to the man with a family. Balancing these factors, however, is the interest and satisfaction to be gained from participating in a co-operative effort to help the Asians toward a better life, the opportunity for demonstrating Canadian techniques to people unskilled in technology but enthusiastic in their determination to learn, and the practical experience which may prove extremely useful to the expert on his return to take his place in the Canadian economy. Certainly the recruitment of experts and teachers will continue to be difficult. But the search goes on, and