

Mr. Jamieson to lead Liberal party in Newfoundland

Donald C. Jamieson, who has been Secretary of State for External Affairs in the Federal Government since 1976, announced on May 27 that he had agreed to become leader of the Newfoundland Liberal party.

Although Mr. Jamieson had been re-elected in the federal election on May 22, he said that there had been an "enormous draft" to recruit him for the position of Liberal party leader in the province, which is to hold its own elections June 18.

Don Jamieson, a native of St. John's, Newfoundland, has held several senior portfolios in the federal Cabinet since he entered politics in 1966, including transport, regional economic expansion and industry, trade and commerce. As Industry, Trade and Commerce Minister Mr. Jamieson led Canadian trade missions to South-east Asia, France and the Soviet Union, and as Secretary of State for External Affairs, his official visits abroad have included Latin America, the Middle East, Asia and Europe. He has also led Canadian delegations at a number of international conferences.

Books given to Australian school children



As part of the International Year of the Child celebrations, Canadian Consul-General, M. Blackwood presents 100 books by Canadian authors to Cleveland Street Boys' High School and Darlington Public School, in Sydney Australia. Students at both schools displayed posters they had done recently, on the theme "What I think Canada is like". The posters will be shown at "Caravan", a two-week festival in Toronto, Canada in July.

Tools for development

A unique experiment in "do-it-yourself" international aid, pioneered by Canadians, is now documented in a book that was released last month at the Ontario Science Centre, Toronto, by the International Development Research Centre.

Give us the Tools: Science and Technology for Development indicates both the contents of the book and the new direction international development is taking. Twelve distinguished Third World authorities have co-authored this report covering the fields of health, agriculture, food and nutrition, information and social science.

Many of the research projects described in the book are already contributing to the elimination of obstacles that have traditionally inhibited development in many countries. They demonstrate also how Third World scientists can themselves find solutions to their countries' problems, given the same kind of financial support as their colleagues in industrialized nations. The

experiments described in *Give us the Tools* indicate that strengthening the scientific and technological capabilities of developing countries is more effective than the direct transfer of capital and technology.

Need for new approach

Until recently, development was thought of mainly as a one-way affair, a question of transferring capital or knowledge — which not always proved appropriate to the long-term needs of the recipient nation. The need for a new approach was critical. One emerged that involved scientists in the Third World in the search for original solutions to development problems. This research approach took the form of a new institution, the International Development Research Centre. IDRC's creation, philosophy and functioning are detailed in the first part of the book written by science writer David Spurgeon, who also edited the publication. The introductory chapters describe former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson's involvement in the search. Mr. Pearson had chaired an international commission that stressed the need for more

scientific field research on the problems of development. However, it was only after world-wide consultation and careful analysis, the book reveals, that the proposal for the creation of an agency whose success would rest upon the skill and determination of scientists in the Third World was presented to the Canadian Parliament in 1970.

Since then, hundreds of bright minds from the Third World have responded to the challenge and have undertaken innovative projects in their countries with IDRC support. The 11 case studies in *Give us the Tools* present a cross-section of their accomplishments, many of them written by people directly involved in the work.

This report on a unique and highly successful approach to development, should prove invaluable to readers from both public and private sectors involved in either side of the "North/South" dialogue.

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