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Canada announced at the Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference in Montreal, an increase from \$35 million to \$50 million in its annual contribution to the Colombo Plan over the next three years. Canada also announced a \$10 million programme of economic assistance to The West Indies over the next five years, and a \$500,000 technical assistance programme for Commonwealth areas in Africa and elsewhere which are not covered by the Colombo Plan or the West Indies programme. Agreement on a Commonwealth Scholarship scheme was also announced at Montreal. Under this scheme, it is hoped that as many as 1,000 Commonwealth scholars and fellows might be studying in other Commonwealth countries at any one time. Canada undertook to be responsible for one quarter of the scheme which is expected to be in operation in time for the 1960-61 academic year.

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