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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. Canada is a major contributor to the United Nations Expanded Programme and has pledged (subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions) \$1,500,000 to the programme for 1954, an increase of almost 100 per cent over the 1953 allocation. Canada is continuing to respond to numerous requests for training facilities and technical experts.
2. Since the programme began, training for 31 UNESCO fellows and scholars has been arranged in Canada through the offices of the Technical Co-operation Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce. Fifteen of these UNESCO trainees came to Canada in 1952 and fourteen during 1953. These candidates have taken up awards in a number of fields of study, including all branches of education, social welfare, educational film production, agricultural education, community development and co-operatives.
3. Although Canadian records on trainees appear to be complete, they are not so with respect to experts, since UNESCO frequently does not seek the assistance of the Government of Canada in recruiting nominees for service abroad. The Government of Canada is, of course, prepared to extend as much assistance as possible to UNESCO in finding Canadian experts when asked to do so. In this connection a greater measure of success might be expected to attend this co-operation in the future, if it were possible for UNESCO to minimize the time which frequently elapses between the submission by the Government of Canada of the name of a proposed Canadian expert and UNESCO's notification to the candidate of the rejection or acceptance of his services.