



CANADIAN PAVILION — COLOMBO EXHIBITION

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Shown above is a scale model of the Canadian pavilion at the Colombo Exhibition, which will open in February, 1952. The pavilion was prefabricated in Ottawa by the Canadian Government Exhibition Commission for shipment to Ceylon.

The theme of the Canadian exhibit is expressed in the slogan, "blueprint for democratic planning", and an attempt has been made to present some of the problems that Canadians have had to solve in building a nation, suggesting that, by example, some Canadian solutions to these problems may be of use to the countries of South and South-East Asia in their plans for the future.

The graphic display in the Canadian building depicts various phases of agriculture in this country, including the manufacture and use of farming equipment, the operation of experimental farms, the control of soil erosion, irrigation projects, farm co-operatives and the National Farm Radio Forum.

Among many projects illustrated in the agricultural section of the Canadian Exhibit is a mounted aerial model of the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa. Miniature versions of the main buildings at the farm are surrounded by some typical Experimental Farm plots.

The section on soil erosion control, following the Experimental Farm panel, depicts some Canadian remedies for this world-wide problem. Panels illustrating water conservation programmes, strip farming and contour plowing, and reforestation, emphasize that "soil erosion control is self-help for farmers now on the land, and a legacy for future generations".

An interesting feature of the hydro-electric display is a working model, with water running down the spillways, of the control dam at the Shipshaw development