

developing countries. We have been increasing the amount of money available for this purpose by an average of \$50 million a year. I hope that Canadian aid will approximate one per cent of our national output by the early 1970s.

External aid might, at first glance, seem to be an activity of concern only to the Central Government. It is an integral part of Canadian foreign policy, and is, perhaps, the most substantial and rewarding aspect of our relations with many developing countries. In its initial phases, an aid programme involves intergovernmental negotiation and the signing of agreements. In its execution, the programme requires a network of diplomatic missions abroad, and a government at home able to draw on the experience, manpower and financial support of the whole country.

Many aspects of aid are, however, closely related to fields in which the provinces have a direct interest. In sending teachers abroad, the Central Government has to take into account provincial needs and avoid unreasonable competition for scarce skilled personnel. Although it may hire teachers directly, it may also in some cases wish to benefit from provincial recruiting facilities.

Some provinces have a particular concern for one or other area of the world or certain skills or facilities to offer. They may, therefore, have a special interest in some aspect of aid to the developing countries. We naturally welcome this interest, as we do the efforts of individuals or organizations such as church groups or private firms, whose aims are compatible with Canada's foreign policy and aid objectives. We have had a continuing dialogue with the provinces concerning ways in which they can make a special contribution to the provision of economic and technical assistance to other countries.

A century ago, when Canada was founded, our statesmen were concerned with the problems of completing Confederation and developing the country. This year, we are celebrating the results of their work. Canada has grown enormously in population and wealth over the past 100 years. Correspondingly, we have been called upon to play an increasingly important role in international affairs. We are presented with new opportunities and new obligations. If all Canadians work together, I am sure that we can meet this challenge successfully.