

In India, there are Canadian scientists working with their Indian colleagues adapting Canadian dryland technology to a variety of Indian soil and climatic conditions. They are also working on scaling down large-sized Canadian minimum-tillage implements to small mechanical or ox-power systems. In Tanzania, Canadian scientists and practical farmers are opening new lands to wheat-farming. In Lesotho, we are helping to sort out areas suitable for a variety of oil crops and, if successful, we shall help with the technology for growing, harvesting and processing.

But we have our limits. We manufacture relatively few agricultural implements and practically no tractors. One of our biggest constraints is the fact that we do not have many professional agricultural personnel available for development work, even though we are placing more emphasis on training and recruiting for work abroad. Specialized manpower is a great lack, though perhaps we may yet find a way to tap the extensive knowledge that exists among our farmers. Finally, although we are the largest *per capita* donors of food aid in the world, there are clear limits to the amount of agricultural land in Canada located in a climate suitable for crop or animal production.

In fisheries, Canada has a highly-developed capability in biological research, exploratory fishing, resource management and quality control. Fisheries-development planning and resource management are two particular areas in which Canada has been involved in projects in several Commonwealth countries in Asia, the Caribbean and Africa.

We know there are limitations not only to our food production capability but to the extent to which Canadian experience is immediately relevant to the problems of rural development in developing countries. From Canadian experience, we have learnt that rural development is damnably difficult. As I have indicated, we are re-examining our international assistance operations in an effort to make them meet more effectively the needs of our partners in development. What we hope to hear at this conference from our developing-country partners is some plain talk about their priorities. We want to match our response more closely to their needs....

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