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INDIAN CO-OPERATIVE MISSION MEETS PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, welcomed members of the Indian Co-operative Mission which toured Canada last month under the Colombo Plan. Left to right: Mr. R. H. Jay, Department of External Affairs; Mr. H. L. Trueman, Department of Agriculture; Mr. M. R. Bhide, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, New Delhi; the Prime Minister; Mr. Shyam Bharosay, Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Bhopal; Mr. R. P. Bhardwaj, Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Uttar Pradesh; and Mr. J. E. O'Meara, Department of Agriculture.

It is anticipated that agreement will shortly be reached on an additional programme of capital assistance to be financed from funds carried forward from 1952-53 and funds voted for the current fiscal year. This programme may include industrial materials as well as locomotives and other equipment from Canada.

Pakistan

Canadian assistance to Pakistan has included \$5.5 million for a cement plant in the Thal Development area, the output of which will be used for resettlement housing and the lining of irrigation canals. Canada has also joined with the Government of Pakistan, Australia and New Zealand in establishing a model livestock farm in the same area and will contribute machinery to the value of approximately \$200,000.

During the second year Canada undertook the financing of an aerial resources survey of Pakistan at an estimated cost of \$2 million. The photographic part of this survey is almost completed and Canada has agreed to an extension of the project at a maximum cost of \$1 million to cover the remainder of West Pakistan. In the extended survey, emphasis is being placed on agricultural potentialities.

In connection with the rehabilitation and modernization of the railway system now proceeding with assistance from the International Bank, Canada is contributing \$2.8 million worth of railway sleepers.

Three Beaver aircraft, fitted with dusting and spraying equipment, are being supplied at a cost of \$178,000 to assist in controlling the locust pest in Pakistan.