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CANADA'S EXTERNAL AID

This paper describes activities under Canada's various bilateral programmes of grant assistance to developing countries for which funds were voted by Parliament in the fiscal year 1963-64. These programmes, for which the External Aid Office is responsible, are:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Estimates 1963-64</u>
Colombo Plan	\$41,500,000
Special Commonwealth Africa Aid Programme	\$ 3,500,000
Commonwealth Caribbean Programme	\$ 2,100,000
Educational Programme for French-Speaking African States	\$ 300,000
Technical Assistance for other Commonwealth Countries	\$ 20,000
Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan	\$ 1,000,000

A number of trends are evident in Canada's aid operations. A major feature has been a sharp increase in technical assistance, including a much greater emphasis on assistance in the educational field, particularly in the newly-independent African countries, which place high priority on a rapid expansion of their educational facilities. As an illustration of increasing educational assistance, it may be noted that from about a dozen teachers sent abroad in 1960, Canada has been increasing its effort until, during the academic year 1963-1964, some 187 Canadian teachers, educational advisers and university staff were serving in the developing countries. During the academic year 1964-1965, this number is expected to climb to over 300.¹

An increasingly important part of Canadian educational assistance is the assignment of professors to the universities in the developing countries. As more students in these countries graduate from secondary schools and seek entrance to universities, the provision of additional university facilities becomes more urgent. If this expansion is to take place at a satisfactory rate, the developing countries must have outside support and increasing numbers of requests for university staff are now being directed to Canada. In response to these requests during the last academic year, 29 Canadians were sent to serve in universities in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean area. It is expected that this number will double during the next academic year.

Some of the university professors have been sent abroad on the basis of an individual contract or seconding arrangement with the External Aid Office. Others have been sent out as members of a team

¹ The details of educational projects are given in the sections of this paper dealing with specific programmes.