

teach the techniques of credit-union development to the people of that country. I should like to commend the Credit Union League of Saskatchewan for its initiative in undertaking this worthwhile endeavour.

I would hope that, as Canada approaches her hundredth birthday, and as communities and organizations are searching for projects to commemorate this event, they will look overseas, and perhaps some of them may select projects of assistance to one or other of the developing countries.

These are just a few examples, but they serve to emphasize my theme that there is a real challenge to us in Canada to create a dynamic partnership between all agencies interested in international development and the Government and also to publicize the important human work that has already been accomplished.

International Co-operation Year

We are soon going to have an opportunity to give wide publicity to the story of international development and also to create a greater public understanding of what has been done and what remains to be done. 1965 is going to be designated as International Co-operation Year. Coming as it does about the halfway mark of the Decade of Development, International Co-operation Year should serve as a stimulus for international programmes of economic and social assistance.

The International Co-operation Year should enable individuals and groups in Canada and elsewhere who are engaged in international work to gain increased recognition and public support for their work.

To this end, a Canadian Committee has been established which will be co-ordinating the promotion of International Co-operation Year.

Among the excellent suggestions is one that the different months of 1965 should be given over to publicizing co-operation in specific fields such as public health, welfare, food, education. This will allow the communications media throughout the country to have articles and programmes featuring the activities of groups and individuals in local communities working in the field of international co-operation.

Canada has been closely associated with the preparation for International Co-operation Year since its inception, and the Government is firmly behind the idea. We intend to give it full and vigorous support.

I have taken this opportunity this evening to emphasize the importance we attach to this International Co-operation Year.