

to chat and look at the illuminated spectacle of Niagara Falls, was a particularly happy occasion.

Following the main tour, a small group of delegates proceeded in aircraft provided by the Department of Transport to Arvida, where they were entertained at lunch and saw an aluminum plant in operation. Bad weather prevented the party from reaching their second objective, Knob Lake, where they were to inspect an iron mine.

At the same time a larger group set out by train on a tour of Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Vancouver. "Hurricane Hazel" delayed rail traffic for thirteen hours on the first leg of the journey and, as a result, the Winnipeg programme unfortunately had to be cancelled. In other cities, where they were hospitably received, they visited grain elevators, farms, refineries, oil fields and logging, lumbering, mining and fishing operations. They also met several representative groups including the Cabinets of Saskatchewan and Alberta. On their final evening in Vancouver they were the guests of a Chinese Canadian who took them to dinner in a Chinese restaurant. From Vancouver most of them proceeded homeward over the Pacific.

A Memorable Experience

In retrospect the Canadians who took part in the Colombo Plan conference look back on it as a memorable experience. They feel it was no small thing to have, sitting around the same table, the representatives of seventeen countries which, among them, account for about one third of the world's population. Their common objective—the raising of the living standards of some 600,000,000 people whose destiny is of the greatest importance to the future of mankind—is one they are proud to share. It is also a source of satisfaction that the Canadian Government and people were given an opportunity to repay, in like terms, the warm and generous hospitality accorded to the members of the Consultative Committee at previous meetings in Karachi, New Delhi, Colombo, London and Sydney.

Next year the Consultative Committee will meet again in Asia—this time in Singapore. All those concerned with the Colombo Plan look forward to being able at that time to review continued substantial progress and to a further meeting of good friends who are co-operating in one of the most significant joint enterprises of modern times.