

A special Canadian mission under the direction of the Honourable Lionel Chevrier recently visited Tunisia with the aim of strengthening the Canadian programme of assistance to Tunisia. The grant by the Canadian government of increased food aid for 1968-69 marks a first step in the implementation of the commitments made by the Chevrier mission. The Canadian government will make every effort to carry out rapidly the other commitments made by the Canadian mission in the fields of capital aid projects and technical assistance. These subjects will be reviewed next October at the first meeting of the mixed commission, which will also examine the kinds of support which Canada will give to the achievement of the economic plan and the possibilities of assistance in the development of fisheries and hydraulics.

The President expressed his gratitude to the Government and people of Canada for the warm welcome he received. He expressed his admiration for the progress accomplished by Canada since 1961, when he first visited the country, and for the spectacular achievements which he remarked wherever he went.