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The Department of External Affairs announced today that each year, under the auspices of the Colombo Plan, two qualified librarians from Colombo Plan countries in South and Southeast Asia will be given the opportunity to receive practical training on the staff of the Toronto Public Library.

The arrangement worked out between the Economic and Technical Assistance Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce, and the Toronto Public Library Board calls for the commencement of this programme in 1960-61. Accordingly, details of this offer have been forwarded to the authorities in India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Malaya, Singapore and the Philippines.

The Toronto Public Library has undertaken to provide qualified candidates with opportunities to work in all parts of the Library system, including the obtaining of experience in reference and research divisions, general public circulation libraries and boys and girls libraries. In addition, the trainees may be able to attend courses at the University of Toronto Library School and to engage in other study and research during the period of their employment.

Successful candidates will be granted Colombo Plan Resident Fellowships by the Department of Trade and Commerce consisting of full travel expenses to and from Canada, an allowance of \$200 a month, and a clothing and book allowance if the trainee takes courses at the Library School. To supplement this, the Toronto Public Library Board may make a contribution to bring the monthly allowance into line with the wage now paid to other Library trainees from overseas countries.

Librarians from the Colombo Plan countries will be eligible provided they have obtained a university degree and qualifications equivalent to a graduate degree in Library Science or the certificate of a chartered Librarian of the Library Association of Great Britain.