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CANADA AND THE COLOMBO PLAN

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"Canadians welcome the opportunity offered by the Colombo Plan to share their technical skills with the older civilizations of South and South-East Asia. This partnership can enrich the lives of us all."

In these words, which you will find at the entrance to the Canadian Pavilion of the Colombo Exhibition, the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. St. Laurent, brings to you the cordial greetings of the Canadian people who are proud and happy to be taking part with other members of the Commonwealth in this Exhibition and in the Colombo Plan, our first great venture together since India, Pakistan and Ceylon became independent countries.

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In this little book you will find illustrated some of the recent progress in Canadian agriculture, industry, transport, and in the development of natural resources; it is hoped that our experience in these matters may be useful to our friends in South and South-East Asia where, as in Canada, there still remain vast resources awaiting the application of technical skill and knowledge to become useful to the people of your countries and to the rest of the world. We in Canada have watched with the warmest sympathy and interest your achievements in attaining national independence. But the well-being and the growth of free political institutions depend in some measure upon economic and social well-being, and to you, our friends on the other side of the earth, whose welfare is important to us and to all free peoples, we offer willingly whatever of our technical experience may be of use to you, both through the Colombo Plan and through similar projects of the United Nations.

Already in Canada we have been happy to welcome technical missions from India and Pakistan, and in this booklet you will see pictures showing members of these missions observing our farms, our roads and bridges and our hydro-electric installations. In addition to these governmental missions, we have now with us in Canada, and more will be coming, many of your technicians and students. Some of these are now in our universities, some with our hydro-electric power commissions, others again with our lumbering and paper industries, and still others with our two railway systems, both of which span the entire continent. A number of specialists have also come from Canada to your countries to assist in solving problems which are not infrequently similar to those with which we are confronted in Canada. It is our hope that in the years to come this two-way traffic may be increased and that from it will emerge a strong sense of partnership in a common achievement.

We in Canada have been much impressed by what you have done to protect your fertile land from the disasters of flood and of drought and to bring vast new areas under cultivation. To assist in completing such projects, the Government of Canada has this year placed \$25,000,000 at the disposal of the Colombo Plan. In these great projects we are naturally greatly interested; but we are also concerned with sharing our experience in helping the small land-owner to make his farm more productive with less labour, through the use of mechanical techniques, of scientific methods of pest control and of improved breeding strains, whether of plants or of animals. In not much more than a century we have brought half a continent into cultivation and have become one of the world's chief suppliers of food; in doing this, we have borrowed much from our neighbours and our kinsmen, and what we have learned may be of use to you.

But although we may have something to give and to teach, we have also much to receive and to learn. In this vast country of ours, we have found out something of how we may live and prosper; but from the East with its ancient cultures we have much to learn of the abiding things that bring comfort and delight to the mind and heart. We should like to know more of your art and of your riches in poetry and in philosophy. We in Canada have learned how to tame a wilderness and to work with nature in creating material prosperity; but this we realize is not an end in itself, and indeed, much of our prosperity depends upon the effectiveness with which we can share our resources with you and with the rest of the world. Of the technical processes and skills useful in increasing production we have something to impart; for the purposes to which a greater measure of material prosperity may be devoted we may properly turn to you, since according to our ancient proverb: "Out of the East cometh wisdom".



"Green" rubber from Malaya being processed at the Polymer plant at Sarnia.

> G. M. Nixon, Canadian refrigeration engineer, whose services are now available to the Government of Ceylon under Technical Co-operation Programme.





Railway equipment for export to India.

A five-way multiple drill as used in the automobile industry.







Cattle fording the Milk River in southern Alberta on their way to summer pasture.

Pakistan members of Colombo Plan agricultural mission to Canada study forage crops at Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.



Dairy cattle in Ontario.

Combines harvesting wheat at Glamis, Saskatchewan.







High-lead logging rig used in British Columbia.





Flour mill in Saskatchewan.





Members of the Highways and Bridge Erection mission from India and Pakistan examine bridge construction in British Columbia.





A technical mission from India and Pakistan observe runway construction machinery at the RCAF station, Claresholm, Alberta.

The largest of the Canadian locomotives are employed on "fast freights".



The Des Joachims power project under construction near Pembroke on the Ottawa River.





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Two members of the Pakistan hydroelectric mission examine a large generator under construction.



Salmon fishing in British Columbia waters.

Mr. Donald Haywood, fisheries expert, on his way to Ceylon to study the fishing industry of that country.









This chart shows the constant shift in Canada's population from the country to towns and cities during the past century. Canada's total population is approximately 14 million.

Canadian Representatives in South and South-East Asia:

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