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COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE WHICH MET AT OXFORD, ENGLAND FROM JULY 15 TO 29.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION HAS REPORTED FROM OXFORD THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND THAT IT HAD AGREED TO ADOPT A COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME ON THE LINES PROPOSED BY CANADA. AS AGREED AT OXFORD, THE SCHEME WILL HAVE AN OBJECTIVE OF 1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS AT ANY ONE TIME OF WHICH CANADA WILL PROVIDE 250.

CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUPPLY AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS CENTERED ON THE SHORTAGE OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES IN ALL COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND PARTICULARLY IN THE LESS DEVELOPED AREAS. IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS AT OXFORD, THE CANADIAN DELEGATION ANNOUNCED THAT UNDER EXISTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES CANADA WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE ABOUT DOLLARS 3 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO TRAIN TEACHERS FROM OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES IN CANADA AND TO SEND TO THOSE COUNTRIES QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL CANADIAN TEACHERS OR TEAMS OF TEACHERS TO ASSIST WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OR EXTENSION OF TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT MADE JOINTLY BY THE LEADERS

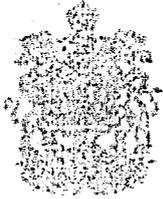


OF THE CANADIAN AND INDIAN DELEGATIONS THAT CANADA AND INDIA HAD AGREED TO DEVOTE THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT DOLLARS 10 MILLION IN COUNTERPART FUNDS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGHER TECHNOLOGICAL AND POLYTECHNIC SCHOOLS IN INDIA REFLECTS THE KEEN INTEREST TAKEN BY CANADA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHER TRAINING FACILITIES AND THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE TECHNICAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES. BOTH THESE INDICATIONS THAT CANADA IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE INCREASED ASSISTANCE FOR THESE PURPOSES WERE EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED AT THE CONFERENCE.

THE EXTENSION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING TEACHERS IN CANADA AND ABROAD WILL, OF COURSE, BE UNDERTAKEN AS PART OF CANADA'S EXISTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME TO WHICH THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION HAVE MADE A MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION.

THE IDEA OF A COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE ORIGINATED AT THE COMMONWEALTH TRADE AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE HELD AT MONTREAL IN 1958 WHEN CANADA PROPOSED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE EXCHANGES OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WHICH TOOK PLACE UNDER THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME OF THE COLOMBO PLAN, THERE SHOULD BE EXCHANGES AT A HIGH EDUCATIONAL LEVEL TO ENCOMPASS THE NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, LAW AND OTHER ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES NOT NORMALLY COVERED BY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IT WAS AGREED AT MONTREAL THAT A CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD THIS YEAR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM TO FORMULATE THE SCOPE AND DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR A RECIPROCAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME AND TO REVIEW THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMONWEALTH CO-OPERATION IN ALL FIELDS OF EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE SUPPLY AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS AND FACILITIES FOR TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION WHICH WERE KNOWN TO BE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION AT OXFORD WAS HEADED BY THE HON. GEORGE BREW, CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON AND INCLUDED



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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED IN B.C., THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES, CENTRAL CANADA AND THE MARITIMES.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE JAMES GARDNER, TODAY ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICES:

MRS. JEAN CHAPRELAIN, AN APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF CONSULATE GENERAL OF CANADA TO BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND. THE APPOINTMENT DATE YET TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER. MRS. CHAPRELAIN IS A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE CANADIAN CONSULATE IN BIRMINGHAM. SHE WAS BORN IN OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

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