

**EDUCATION GRANTS FOR INDIANS:** At least 700 young Canadian Indians will be assisted in advanced study this year by tuition grants totalling approximately \$300,000, Hon. Walter Harris, Q.C., Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, said today.

Assistance previously given by the Department to Indians learning trades or attending universities has had very satisfactory results, he said.

An Indian dentist has just commenced practice in Victoria, B.C., and another student was awarded the Governor-General's Silver Medal as the medical graduate obtaining the highest number of points at Laval University this year.

The dentist is Roger Ross of the Songhees band. The Laval graduate is Leon GrosLouis, a Huron Indian from the Lorette Reserve near Quebec City who also won the Poliquin prize at the university.

Among those being assisted by the Department this year are 18 university students, including two doing post-graduate work; 21 students of nursing and 12 learning to be nurses' assistants; six attending normal school and seven teachers who took training courses last summer. There are also 40 commercial students, while other trades represented include laboratory technicians, mechanics, barbers, dress-makers, agriculture, domestic science, hair dressing, forestry, drafting and shoemaking.

Many of these students will return to help their own people, but this is by no means a condition of assistance; they are free to make any use they wish of their talents and training.

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**MANUFACTURING CONCERNS INDIVIDUALLY OWNED:** a smaller percentage of Canada's manufacturing establishments were individually owned in 1951 than in the preceding year, the proportion falling by one per cent to 44.6 from 45.6 per cent to continue the gradual decline of recent years, according to the annual report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the type of ownership of the manufacturing industries of Canada.

Individually owned concerns still constituted the largest single ownership group in all provinces except Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia in 1951, incorporated companies being the most numerous in these three. The provincial proportions ranged from 34.7 per cent in British Columbia to 57.5 per cent in Saskatchewan for individual ownership; from 11.3 per cent in Quebec to 34 per cent in Newfoundland for partnerships; from 16.3 per cent in Newfoundland to 43.9 per cent in British Columbia for incorporated companies; and from 0.2 per cent in Newfoundland to 7.2 per cent in Prince Edward Island for co-operatives.

**CONCERT EVERY 19 HOURS:** Eighty-nine major engagements in 10 weeks or one every 19 hours. That's the record of the band of the Royal Canadian Artillery of Halifax that has been entertaining United Nations troops in Korea since August.

Under direction of Lt. Harry Wragg of Halifax, the 33-piece ensemble left little doubt that they rate with the best bands in the Canadian Army. There are also many more engagements to meet before they sail for home in early November.

On-the-spot reports from Korea place the vocal quartet and the Gypsy Orchestra as the most popular sections of the band. The versatility of the RCA musicians has also been praised; they sing anything from folk songs and concert classics to the more popular western ballads.

Apart from entertaining the various Commonwealth and American units in Korea, the band also officiates at all ceremonial parades at 1st Commonwealth Division Headquarters and ensures a royal send-off to all homeward bound troops. With all this activity go the tasks of arranging new concerts, preparing scripts, rehearsing and travelling all over the front.

In line with Army policy of band rotation, the RCA Band will be replaced by that of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals of Kingston early in November.

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**PRIME MINISTER HONORARY COLONEL:** The Right Hon. Louis Stephen St. Laurent, P.C., Prime Minister of Canada, has accepted an appointment as Honorary Colonel of Les Voltigeurs de Quebec, a Quebec City Reserve Force unit. Defence Minister Brooke Claxton announced on October 30.

This isn't the first time that the unit has had one of Canada's leading statesmen as an honorary commander. From 1899 until his death in 1919, Sir Wilfrid Laurier was Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel. Sir Wilfrid had served as a militia officer in the Fenian Raids campaign as an ensign in the Athabaska Infantry Company.

Les Voltigeurs de Quebec was organized in March 1862, as the 9th Battalion, Les Voltigeurs de Quebec. Its present designation was adopted in April 1946, when the unit was converted to a motorized infantry battalion.

Its history dates back to the days of the Northwest Rebellion and troops from the ranks of the unit served with the RCR in South Africa. In the First World War it recruited officers and men for the 12th, 57th, 14th and 22nd Battalions of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. Battle honours awarded the unit include "Northwest Canada 1885", "Somme 1916", "Hill 70", and "Amiens".

During the Second World War Les Voltigeurs de Quebec provided many officers and men for service with the Royal 22nd Regiment.