

The programme comprises two sections. Two-thirds or \$12 millions of the expenditure will go toward the aeromagnetic surveying of the unsurveyed parts of the Canadian Shield and will be borne by the Federal Government, and provincial governments concerned, on an equal cost-sharing basis; \$6 millions will be used for similar surveys in parts of the Northwest Territories and Yukon and will be borne by the Federal Government.

In referring to "unsurveyed" areas, Mr. Comtois pointed out that these would include many small areas that had been surveyed in detail for special purposes by mining companies, but that the planned survey would give a broad picture of much larger regions.

USE OF INFORMATION COLLECTED

The information gained from such aeromagnetic surveys and used in conjunction with the results of ground geological surveys is useful in the delimiting of those areas favorable for mineral occurrences. It is particularly valuable in areas covered with glacial debris and with few rock exposures, as well as in areas where younger sedimentary rocks cover potential mineral-bearing rocks.

The potentialities of such a programme are immense. The governments concerned hope to uncover several deposits of mineral wealth in the areas to be surveyed. During the past decade, aerial surveys on a much smaller scale have brought to light the base-metal wealth of the Metagami area of western Quebec and the large iron-ore deposit at Marmora in south-eastern Ontario.

The flying and compilation of the results will be done by commercial companies. Over 6,000 separate map sheets will be required to cover the territory involved.

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UNIVERSITY CAPITAL GRANTS

The Canada Council has modified its list of universities and colleges eligible for capital grants and imposed a time limit on applications.

In January all institutions which had been on the eligible list for grants from the Canada Council's \$50 million University Capital Grants Fund, established in 1957, were informed of the policy which would govern distribution of the balance of the principal sum. By January 1961, grants made totalled \$24 million and \$14 million had been earmarked for institutions in the Province of Quebec, leaving \$12 million for institutions in other provinces. No decision has yet been made regarding disposition of interest and profits earned by the Fund.

The Council's statement read, in part, as follows:

"The Council's list of eligible institutions up to now has been identical with the list used by the National Conference of Canadian Universities and its successor, the

Canadian Universities Foundation, in distributing the annual federal grant. The measures which the Council has adopted modify this list to some extent and impose a time-limit on the application for grants. The revised policies are as follows:

1. Institutions on the Council's eligible list which have not made an application before June 30, 1961, will be removed from the list. This ruling will not apply at this time to institutions in the Province of Quebec, where special circumstances have prevailed and still obtain.

2. All institutions on the list which consist of only one professional faculty—law, theology, engineering, agriculture, social work, and the like — have been removed from the list. (The Faculty of Arts is not considered a professional faculty.)

3. Institutions which came or may come into existence after December 1, 1960, will not be placed on the eligible list.

4. The allotments which the Council makes to institutions on the eligible list shall be fixed in accordance with the registration figures as reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for either December 1, 1956, or December 1, 1959, whichever, when used as the basis for calculating the allotment, gives the larger figure.

5. If an institution has drawn down its full entitlement according to the 1956 registration figures, it can apply for an increase in its allotment if the calculation based on the 1959 registration allows for a larger sum. Such an increase should preferably be used for a new and eligible building."

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INTERIM WHEAT PAYMENT

An interim payment of 10 cents a bushel on the 1959-60 wheat pool was announced by Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton in the House of Commons on February 14. He said the payment, recommended by the Canadian Wheat Board, would mean the distribution to producers of approximately \$37,744,000 on some 377,438,000 bushels delivered to the pool between August 1, 1959, and July 31, 1960. Mr. Hamilton added that, with the final payment of \$3,852,323 on the 1959-60 oat pool, announced the previous day, a total of \$41,600,000 would be going out to producers.

Oat payments are now being made and will be immediately followed by the wheat payments.

Of the total wheat payment, \$23,678,000 will go to producers in Saskatchewan, \$9,213,000 to Alberta and British Columbia, and \$4,894,000 to Manitoba and Ontario.

The 1959-60 barley pool will be closed sooner than expected because of recent sales. Consequently, the Canadian Wheat Board will report to the Government on the conclusion of the interim wheat payment regarding a possible closing date for the 1959-60 barley account.