

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

A Committee of Fellows of the Royal Society placed before the Prime Minister and other members of the Government in Toronto the facts upon which the Society bases its plea for more generous financial assistance. These facts are here repeated in substance for the information of the Government.

On its establishment in 1882 the Society was given a grant by the Dominion Government of \$5000 per annum, which was increased to \$8000 in 1914. War conditions made it necessary and justifiable to reduce the grant to \$4000 between 1917 and 1920, but in the latter the \$8000 was restored, and the grant remained at that figure until last year when, through some misunderstanding, it was reduced to \$4000, but on representations to the Ministers this was increased to \$7000.

Instead of reducing the grant by \$1000, the Council of the Society respectfully submit that it should be materially increased, if the Society is to be enabled to carry on the very important national work for which it was founded. As the following statements will, we believe, establish to the satisfaction of the Ministers, the minimum amount with which the Society can hope to carry out its programme, or rather that part of its programme which is dependent upon the Government's grant, is \$12,500 per annum.

This grant, as the Ministers are no doubt aware, is and has always been ear-marked for publication of the Transactions. Three factors have conspired to make even the \$8000 which the Society received between 1914 and 1917 and from 1920 to 1925 increasingly inadequate to the needs of the Society: (a) Cost of printing; (b) Output of papers; (c) Need of prompt publication.

(a) Cost of printing: It is hardly necessary to say that since 1914 the cost of printing, including labour, paper, and other charges, has more than doubled. Even if the expansion of the Society's activities did not call for more and more space for the publication of