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### THE CANADA COUNCIL RECEIVES ITS LARGEST GIFT

A gift of about \$4,250,000 to the Canada Council for advanced study or research, by Canadians in Canada, in medicine, science, and engineering was announced recently by the Council's Chairman, Colonel Douglas B. Weldon. The gift, from an anonymous donor, is by far the largest received by the Council since its establishment in 1957.

While the Council was established with the specific purpose of encouraging the arts, humanities, and social sciences, Parliament did not intend its work to be exclusively in those fields. As a result, it provided specifically, according to the Act setting up the Council, that gifts of money, securities and other properties could be received subject to the terms, if any, of the donor.

Colonel Weldon announced to the second annual Council dinner for the conferring of medals to distinguished Canadians that more than \$1 million of the gift would be paid to the Council immediately, the remainder to be received over the next several years.

Dr. A.W. Trueman, Director of the Council, said the gift set an example for the Council, as it sought to augment its income to expand its endowment-fund programmes, from which scholarships and various grants are made every year. "The Council feels that the action of the donor," he told the dinner, "constitutes a valuable recognition and endorsement of the Council, its work and the place it has been able to take in the life of

the country." Dr. Trueman said that members and officers of the Council were much encouraged and looked to the future with increased confidence.

#### CONDITIONS OF GIFT

The donor, who asked that strict anonymity be respected, said the purpose of the special scholarship fund was to help build Canada's future by encouraging advanced study. The income from the fund is to be used to provide fellowship grants for Canadians for advanced study or research at universities, hospitals, research, or scientific institutions, or other equivalent or similar institutions in Canada.

The scholarships must be used for work in the fields of medicine, science, or engineering. It has been stated that those selected to receive scholarships should be likely to contribute to the advancement of learning or to win distinction in a profession. As far as possible, scholarships should be granted for study or research either leading to or following a doctorate or for work of similar standing.

The Council will abide by the conditions of the gift, which, it feels, will help to meet important needs in Canada at a time of rapidly expanding university registration and graduate study.

In creating the Canada Council, Parliament set up two funds of \$50 million each with public funds. One of these is the Endowment Fund, the interest on which - about \$3 million a year - may be spent

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