

THE ROCKEFELLER GIFTS TO CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES.

Preliminary apportionment of the \$5,000,000 fund set aside by the Rockefeller Foundation for the aid of medical education in Canada was announced a short time ago in a statement by George E. Vincent, president of the Foundation.

"This action follows eight months of investigation, including visits by representatives of the Foundation to the principal medical centres of the Dominion," the statement said:

"The appropriations now made are of two classes: first, contributions toward increasing the permanent resources in buildings and endowments of schools already well established; second, contributions to annual income of institutions which are undergoing reorganization.

The following appropriations were announced for the establishment of schools:

McGill University, Montreal	\$1,000,000
University of Toronto	1,000,000
Dalhousie University, Halifax	500,000
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg	500,000

This leaves a reserve for future distribution of two million dollars from the income of which the Université de Montreal and the University of Alberta, Edmonton, receive \$25,000 each for the year 1920-21.

Applications from these schools for further aid will be considered.

Of the \$2,000,000 reserved for future distribution, the income is to be used toward current expenses, fellowships and other forms of aid to medical education.

In each case the apportionment now announced, represent contributions to plans of development, worked out by the institutions concerned, which involves substantial sums from other sources.

In the foregoing several points merit attention. In the first place \$2,000,000 remains undistributed, and may remain so indefinitely; but the interest is to be used in aid of medical education as outlined. It will be observed for the four great Western Provinces the sum is comparatively small. These are the younger parts of Canada, and most in need. We could have wished that a larger share had gone out west to aid in research and education. Manitoba receives \$500,000, and the University of Alberta is to be aided to the extent of \$25,000 for the coming year. It is to be hoped that this young University shall yet receive a substantial portion of the remaining \$2,000,000.