

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIANS

"The Indian News", published by the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, announces that thirty-four Indian students across Canada will share more than \$25,000 in scholarships designed to encourage them to further their education by attending vocational schools or institutions of higher learning. The scholarships, established by the Indian Affairs Branch, will be awarded on the basis of scholastic standing at the close of the current school year.

Students in non-Indian schools as well as those in Indian schools will be eligible for the awards.

There are five different groups or classes of scholarships, covering university courses, nursing, teacher training, commercial or technical training at a vocational school, and courses in agriculture. In four of these classes, there will be eight separate scholarships available--one for each of the Indian administrative regions. (The eight regions are the Maritimes, Quebec, Southern Ontario, Northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Northwest Territories, and British Columbia and the Yukon). In the fifth group there are two agricultural scholarships available for national competition.

One group consists of eight scholarships for study at university level, to be awarded annually to the Indian students attaining the highest senior matriculation standing in each of the eight regions. However, even the highest standing will not qualify a student for one of these scholarships if his or her senior matriculation grades do not average at least 60 per cent. And, of course, the student can claim the scholarship only if he or she goes on to study at an accredited university.

The students who win these university scholarships may choose any course of study they wish except nursing or teacher training, for which separate scholarships are provided. Courses leading to degrees in Arts or in the professions may be selected. The value of each of these scholarships is either \$750 or \$1,000, depending upon the nature of the course chosen.

### NURSING OR TEACHING

One teacher training scholarship valued at \$750 and one for nursing training valued at \$500 will be available in each of the eight regions. Both junior and senior matriculants will be eligible for these scholarships, and the award in each region will be made to the most outstanding student, provided that he or she is accepted by an accredited institution for the training of teachers or an accredited hospital for training leading to the status of Registered Nurse.

### VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Grade 10 is the minimum educational stand-

ing required in the case of students applying for any of the eight scholarships provided for training in commercial, technical or other vocational subjects. The successful applicant in each region will be the best high school student, Grade 10 or higher, who is accepted by an accredited school for vocational training.

Scholarships in this group vary in value from \$400 to \$750, depending upon the course chosen by the student.

### AGRICULTURAL STUDIES

It is quite possible that any one of the eight university scholarships may be awarded to students intending to take university courses in agriculture. As a further incentive in this important field, however, two separate agricultural scholarships have been established for nation wide competition: one, valued at \$750, to be awarded to the top senior matriculation student in Canada who is accepted by an accredited university for an agricultural course; and the other, in the sum of \$500, to the best high school student in Canada, Grade 10 or above, who is accepted by an agricultural school for a one or two year course in agricultural training.

### AWARDED ANNUALLY

It is intended that all thirty-four of these scholarships will be available for competition every year.

Tuition grants will continue to be paid as at present, on the basis of merit and need, and a student who applies for a scholarship may also, just to be on the safe side, apply for a tuition grant. However, if he should win a scholarship, the tuition grant would be cancelled or reduced by an appropriate amount.

Nevertheless, prospective applicants for scholarships are assured that there will be nothing to prevent a student from applying for financial assistance to continue a course begun on a scholarship, if that should prove necessary.

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**CHEQUE VALUES:** Total value of cheques cashed in Canadian clearing centres reached a record high in 1956, payments in the 35 older centres rising 19 per cent to \$192,289,896,000 from 1955's previous peak of \$161,350,878,000. Debits in all five economic regions were higher in 1956 than in 1955, rising nearly 23 per cent in the Prairie Provinces, 20 per cent in Quebec, 19 per cent in British Columbia, 17.5 per cent in Ontario, and 14 per cent in the older centres in the Atlantic Provinces.

Value totals were as follows (in thousands): Atlantic Provinces, \$4,136,064 (\$3,623,886 in 1955); Quebec, \$57,635,781 (\$47,931,767); Ontario, \$84,580,096 (\$71,973,447); Prairie Provinces, \$30,706,483 (\$25,008,924); and British Columbia, \$15,231,473 (\$12,812,854).