

the country over a serious temporary situation,

The severest blow that has been dealt by the proposed reductions, however, is to the human material, i.e. the technical personnel. We do not refer to the personal effect upon the men themselves, but the effect on the future development of Canada. For years it has been urged that Canada lacked a sufficient body of trained men, that, in spite of what was being accomplished, a different and more thorough training, a new view-point and a different method of approach was necessary to enable us to meet modern competitive methods. This challenge was accepted by the universities, who at great cost to themselves and with no appreciable assistance from the government, built up an organization capable of meeting these supposed needs. As a result, there are now available a more adequate force of competent young Canadians trained and equipped in Canada to solve Canadian problems.

The proposed sudden cessation of activities means that these men must find employment elsewhere and, not only that, but it will force all others in a less advanced state of training to look elsewhere for their life work. The result will be that when this time of stress is over we will neither have these same men nor others to take their places. These men will be irrevocably lost to us; the care and effort that went into their training will be lost; the money that they and the country have spent on their special education will be lost. A geneticist, a plant pathologist, a chemist, or an entomologist is not something that can be improvised in a few months or years, for the fact should not be lost sight of that those who are now completing their work, or have but recently completed it, are not only the result of a long and more careful process of training but also of a more rigid system of selection than