

There is a great diversity of religious beliefs in Canada, but the majority of the population is Christian. Many other beliefs are represented and worshipping facilities for those of other faiths can be found in some Canadian cities.

(d) GOVERNMENT

Canada has a parliamentary form of government, similar to the British system. There are ten provinces, each of which is administered by a provincial government. The provinces are responsible for such matters as health, education and municipal institutions. Matters concerning the country as a whole, such as defence, trade, banking and transportation, are handled by the Federal Government. There are four political parties represented in the federal House of Commons: Liberal, Progressive, Conservative, New Democratic and Social Credit.

(e) BANKING

It is not wise to carry more than about \$20 in currency with you, or to leave large sums of money in your room. It is easy to open a bank account in Canada and this is the safest way to keep your money. Cheques are generally used for major payments and money required for day-to-day expenditures can easily be withdrawn from a bank account. Bank assistants will be ready to give you advice and help in opening an account. When travelling, use travellers' cheques, which can be cashed in banks, hotels, trust company offices, and most stores.

(f) HIRE PURCHASE (INSTALMENT BUYING)

Some Canadians buy things by hire purchase or deferred payments. Do not sign any agreement or pay any deposit until you have had advice from a university official on these matters.

(g) FOOD

Outside the university, there are restaurants, coffee shops, cafeterias and lunch counters where meals can be obtained. Cafeterias are cheaper than restaurants. Lunch counters can be found in drug stores (chemists' shops) and sometimes in department stores and small shops. Snacks, such as sandwiches, ice cream, and beverages are served. Restaurants provide a variety of meals. Prices vary and tips of 10-15 per cent of the bill are expected.

If you wish to prepare your own meals, food can be bought most conveniently in self-service groceterias, where you select your purchases from the display shelves and pay for them at the cashier's desk.

Certain types of Canadian food may cause you some confusion. For example, a hamburger is made of ground beef, not ham; and a "hot dog" contains a sausage which may be made of pork or beef. If you do not recognize the name of a type of food, ask what it contains.