

Commission of Enquiry into the activities of national agencies for the development of Arts, Letters and Sciences, in Canada, the universities at their own request were included in the survey. The Royal Commission at the conclusion of their survey made the following recommendations for the universities and colleges:

(a) That in addition to the help already being given for research and other purposes, the Federal Government make annual contributions to support the work of the universities on the basis of the population of each of the provinces of Canada.

(b) That these contributions be made after consultation with the government and the universities of each province, to be distributed to each university proportionally to the student enrolment.

(c) That these contributions be sufficient to insure that the work of the universities be carried on in accordance with the needs of the nation.

(d) That all members of the National Conference of Universities be eligible for the federal grants mentioned above.

Canadian Government Assistance to Higher Education:

(a) University Grants:

The grants were a result of recommendations contained in the Report of the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences (Ottawa, Queen's Printer 1951), commonly called the Massey Report which, in turn, resulted from pressure from university authorities for some form of increased revenue as a result of increased costs of higher education. Initial meetings between representatives of the National Conference of Canadian Universities and Federal authorities (the Department of Finance) laid the basis for the program.

Originally, some thought was given to making grants payable only to member institutions of the National Conference of Canadian Universities. However, beginning with the initial payments in 1951-52, the final selection of institutions rested with the Department of Education authorities in each province (i.e. eligibility of non-eligibility has been determined by provincial authorities at all times, the Federal Government acting only in the capacity of paying the money and exercising no influence in selecting institutions for payment or, indeed, in controlling in any manner the way the money is to be spent. It might be noted here that the grants are to be used mainly for current operating expenditures).

Parliament voted a sum of roughly \$7,000,000 to be paid to certain institutions beginning with the 1951-52 academic year. The exact sum payable was determined on the basis of 50¢ per head of total population in each province, with distribution within each province being made on the basis of eligible enrolment in the various institutions as a ratio of the total provincial population. Eligible enrolment was decided on as being full-time students in attendance in courses at a level more advanced than the university