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## SHASTRI INDO-CANADIAN INSTITUTE

The Governments of India and Canada have announced the establishment of a Canadian institute of Indian studies, named the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute in honour of the late Prime Minister of India, Lal Bahadur Shastri.

The main object of the Institute will be to promote and foster the growth of Indian studies in Canadian universities, with a view to a deeper understanding on the part of Canadians of Indian life and culture. It will encourage study and research in India in the humanities and social sciences by scholars from Canadian universities and colleges, will also support other academic programmes and activities relating to India and help Canadian universities and colleges to create chairs for different aspects of Indian studies. The Institute will acquire Indian books for distribution among its founding members — McGill University, the National Library of Canada and the Universities of British Columbia and Toronto.

The programmes and the activities of the Institute are, however, intended to be of mutual benefit to both India and Canada. Research programmes and study in India will be adjusted so far as possible, to the scholastic needs of the country, the results by selected Canadian scholars in India being made available to Indian scholars. To this end, the Institute will present the Government of India with a copy of every thesis or research study prepared by the research scholars and fellows of the Institute.

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Institute, which has been incorporated in Ottawa under the Canadian Corporations Act, has its head office at McGill University, Montreal. With the approval of either the Indian or Canadian Government, it may establish one or more branch offices in India or Canada. Membership will be open to all

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Canadian universities and colleges.

Two advisory councils, one in India and the other in Canada, will generally advise the board on all matters affecting the administration of the Institute in India and Canada. The Indian council will, in addition, advise on suitable areas of research in Indian studies.

The Indian costs of the Institute will be met out of the fund of counterpart *rupees* accruing from Canadian food and commodity aid to India. The expenditure on the maintenance of the Institute in India is estimated to be *rupees 30 lakhs* (\$431,000 (Cdn)) during the first three years.

The work of the Institute will be reviewed before the end of the third year. The Governments of India and Canada hope that the work of the Institute will justify its continuation and that the Institute will constitute an important milestone in Indo-Canadian co-operation.

## NEW NICKEL PLANT

A refinery for producing high-purity nickel pellets and powders by means of a new process will be built by The International Nickel Company of Canada, Limited, at a cost of \$85 million, it was announced recently.

Construction of the plant at Copper Cliff, Ontario, will begin immediately and should be completed in 1971.