

# CANCER RESEARCH WORK CONTINUES

## Conditions of Award of Lord Atholstan's \$100,000 Prize Offered for "Cure" More Fully Defined

Laymen were greatly interested and the medical profession greatly encouraged nearly a year ago by the announcement through the press of the world that Lord Atholstan had offered a prize of \$100,000 to the graduate or student of any recognized university who, within five years, could discover a medicinal treatment for the effective cure of cancer.

Lord Atholstan's offer was made, so far as Canada was concerned, in a letter written on January 23, 1922, to Sir Arthur Currie, principal of McGill University, and since that time 2,715 claims for the prize have been made by residents of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, the United States, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, nearly every country in Europe, Asia, Africa and America. Practically every province in the Dominion of Canada has had its claimant.

A circular has been issued explaining more fully the conditions of the award, in order that claimants may attempt to meet the demands more explicitly than heretofore. The decision of the award, it may be recalled, was left by Lord Atholstan to the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, London, and the following extracts from a letter received by Lord Atholstan from that body have been quoted for the guidance of competitors:

### Conditions of Award

Office of the Imperial Cancer  
Research Fund, London,  
18th October, 1922.

The Lord Atholstan,  
Montreal.

My Lord,—

Referring to your offer of a prize of "one hundred thousand dollars to the graduate or student of any recognized university who within five years after date is the first to discover a medicinal treatment for the effective cure of cancer, the decision to be left to the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, London, England,"

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund is under the superintendence of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, and we suggest that any question that may arise in regard to the prize offered by you should be referred to the executive committee of that fund.

We suggest for your approval the following procedure to be adopted:

1. All applications must in the first place satisfy a recognized medical faculty or a leading medical society in his or her own country (a) that there is some scientific basis to justify experimental investigation of the professed cure, (b) that any cases said to be successfully treated were, in fact, cases of cancer.

2. Applicants must disclose to the medical faculty or medical society investigating the professed cure its nature and ingredients and the method of preparation.

3. Applicants who have satisfied the above conditions should request the medical faculty or medical society to report to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

4. The Imperial Cancer Research Fund will then determine the means to be adopted to investigate the claims of the applicant, if the Committee is of opinion that a case for investigation has been made out.

Within a few days of the receipt of your letter (offering the prize of \$100,000) your cable offering another \$100,000 for cancer research was received, with the result that a special investigation is now being carried on with the funds you have so liberally placed at the disposal of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

We are, My Lord,

Yours faithfully,

HUMPHRY ROLLESTON,

President,

Royal College of Physicians.

ANTHONY A. BOWLBY,

President,

Royal College of Surgeons.