

feel that as the Royal Society is the only national scientific organization in Canada, as it has a Dominion Charter, and as its Transactions are the only medium in Canada for the publication of scientific papers, the Dominion Government should grant it sufficient funds to meet its publication requirements.

It is the general feeling among Canadian scientific men, both inside and outside the Royal Society, that their needs would be adequately met at the present time by a quarterly publication of papers, with provision for even more prompt publication in cases where it was important to give other investigators the benefit of certain discoveries at the earliest possible moment, or to secure priority to Canadian research. This arrangement for immediate publication has been in operation for the last two years and has proved very helpful.

Last year the total expenditure in connection with the publication of the Transactions was about \$11,000, part of which came from the Government and the balance from the Research Council and the Universities. To permit the very desirable quarterly publication of scientific papers, as well as the immediate publication of the results of research in special cases, the minimum amount required is \$12,500 a year. It is perhaps unnecessary to point out that while the Society is asking for an increase of its grant from \$8,000 to \$12,500, a portion at least of the increase has been reaching it for the past two or three years through the Research Council, and so far as that part of the increase is concerned it is merely a question of paying it directly instead of indirectly to the Society.