

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Third Meeting of the National Committee on the Centennial of Confederation was held on October 11 in Ottawa to discuss plans for the observance of the Centennial.

The Committee includes four ministers of the Federal Government, and a minister and one other representative from each of the ten provinces. Mr. Léon Balcer, federal Minister of Transport, and Mr. Angus MacLean, federal Minister of Fisheries, are the joint chairmen of the Committee.

Mr. Balcer announced that the Federal Government's plans for its own part in the Centennial would be based on a budget of \$100 million. One federal project has already been announced - the National Capital Commission has been authorized to purchase properties on the east side of Sussex Drive in Ottawa, and to restore the buildings to their appearance at about the time of Confederation. This project, to be called "a mile of living history", will be situated on the direct route between Parliament Hill and Government House. Other federal projects will be announced as they are selected.

Mr. Balcer also announced that part of the funds for which the Government intended to ask Parliament might be used to make grants for projects by local committees on the Centennial. The total amount of such federal grants within a province will not exceed \$1.00 *per capita* of the population of the province.

PRINCIPLES GOVERNING FEDERAL GRANTS

Centennial grants from the Federal Government will be subject to seven principles:

- (1) They will not be considered if federal aid is available for the project under other legislation.
- (2) They may be made only for projects of a "lasting" nature. This might include buildings, parks, concert halls and the writing of books, but would not cover the purchase of existing books, the costs of

COMMONWEALTH ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Canadian Scholarship and Fellowship Committee has completed its choice of candidates for Canadian scholarships and has granted awards to 104 scholars from 27 Commonwealth countries and territories.

Applications for these awards were first submitted by the students to the appropriate agencies in their own countries. As a result of this preliminary selection, 231 nominations were sent to the Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship Committee for final selection. Most of the scholarships were awarded at the post-graduate level, for a period of two years; the candidates have now been placed in universities throughout Canada. The awards cover transportation costs, tuition fees, and living expenses in Canada. Scholars will be attending the following

pageants or celebrations or the administrative expenses of local committees.

(3) Applications should be made to the National Centennial Administration through provincial governments. A provincial contribution will be a prerequisite to a federal grant. The grant will be made to the province.

(4) A federal contribution will not exceed a third of the agreed estimate of cost.

(5) Projects must have a reasonable prospect of completion by the time of the Centennial observances.

(6) Applicants must show evidence that their projects will be properly maintained following completion.

(7) Revenues expected from a project after completion will be taken into account in determining the amount of federal contribution. These principles may be amended from time to time as appropriate.

A province or a municipality may avail itself of other forms of financial assistance (for example, under the National Housing Act, the Technical and Vocational Training Assistance Act, the Canada Water Conservation Act, or the municipal winter works programme); but a particular project receiving federal assistance under one of these schemes will not also be eligible for a Centennial grant.

A third announcement made at the meeting was that the Federal Government intended to issue a special silver dollar to commemorate the Conferences of 1864 in Charlottetown and Quebec, which led the way to Confederation.

The meeting reviewed the numerous suggestions that had been received as to possible projects for the Centennial. In particular, the National Committee studied a proposal for a travel scheme for Canadian students.

The Centennial observances themselves will begin with suitable ceremonies to commemorate the 1864 Conferences.

universities and colleges: Acadia, 1; Alberta, 4; Assumption, 1; British Columbia, 14; Dalhousie, 2; Macdonald College, 3; Manitoba, 9; McGill, 18; McMaster, 4; Montreal, 1; New Brunswick, 2; Ontario Agricultural College, 3; Ontario Veterinary College, 1; Ottawa, 5; Queens, 7; St. Francis Xavier, 1; Saskatchewan, 5; Toronto, 17; Western Ontario, 4; Mount Allison, 2.

The Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship Committee, composed of nine representatives of the English-language and French-language institutions, is responsible for Canadian participation in the Commonwealth Education Plan. Its Chairman is Dr. G.F. Curtis, Dean of Law, University of British Columbia.

Of the 101 scholars awarded Canadian scholarships last year, 17 completed their programmes and 82 are continuing their awards for the coming year. Only two were unsuccessful.