

## NORTHERN EXPLORATION GRANTS

Mr. Arthur Laing, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, announced recently that the regulations governing mineral-exploration grants under the Northern Mineral Grants Programme had been approved. Under the programme, up to 40 per cent of an approved exploration project in search of mineral or oil carried out in the Yukon or Northwest Territories can be provided by the Department. If the project is successful, the grant is repayable over a ten-year period beginning when production starts; if it is unsuccessful, the grant being regarded as a contribution to the northern exploration effort, need not be repaid.

The programme is intended to provide an incentive that will attract additional sources of capital to northern exploration. In particular, it is aimed at those individuals and companies not eligible at present to take advantage of exploration expenditure deductions for determining income tax liability. Special recognition is given however, to companies formed for the purpose of and conducting exploration only in the North.

### SIZE OF GRANTS

Mr. Laing explained that, in order to ensure continuity of exploratory effort, Parliament had been asked to authorize total commitments of \$9 million in the current and subsequent fiscal years, of which \$3 million would be made available for grants this fiscal year. This system will allow exploratory programmes to be planned over a period, if necessary, extending over several years. Programmes will be carefully scrutinized to make sure that only genuine exploration, recommended by a suitably qualified person, is intended on claims, leases, or exploratory permits already held by the applicant. There will be no attempt to dictate the type of exploratory programme that an applicant intends to undertake.

The Minister pointed out that the Northern Mineral Grants Programme was not taking the place of, or meant to augment, the existing Prospectors' Assistance Programme, which filled a need in a different phase of mineral exploration. Further, he stressed that any applicant would be ineligible to receive a grant, even after it had been approved, or received a grant in the future, if he represented, directly or indirectly, by any means, that sponsorship of his company or of his exploratory programme was implied when the Government approved the making of a grant.

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## STUDENT AID SCHEMES

The External Aid Office announced recently that 2,600 students and trainees from developing countries were studying in Canada during 1966 under various external-aid schemes.

Candidates for scholarships are selected in accordance with their ability to help meet their countries' development priorities and forward their plans, rather than by a purely academic standard. The Canadian

scholarships provide for all the needs of a student while he is away from home, including his transportation, living allowance, tuition and medical treatment.

Since 1950 a high proportion of all External Aid scholars have successfully completed the training originally requested or an alternative programme believed to be more appropriate by the Canadian training institution, the trainee and the overseas government.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Several types of scholarship are offered: university undergraduate, university graduate, university post-doctorate studies, sub-professional training (trades and technical training), special group programmes and fellowships for practical attachments to "on-going" programmes such as industry or government departments. Provincial governments have been most co-operative in providing practical attachments and facilitating programme arrangements in education, public administration, social welfare, and others.

### GROUP TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Five group training programmes are available on a continuing basis. These include social leadership at the Coady International Institute, St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia; co-operatives development (English) at the Coady International Institute and the Western Co-operatives College in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and co-operatives development (French) at the Institut Co-opératif Desjardins at Lévis, Québec; public administration (English) at Carleton University, Ottawa, and at the University of Ottawa (French); two labour leadership training programmes, at the Canadian Labour College in Montreal and with the Canadian Labour Congress in Ottawa; and international business, at Waterloo Lutheran University, Ontario.

The graduate diploma in public administration at Carleton University is designed for those in, or planning to enter, the public service who already have a university degree but desire further training in the fields directly related to public administration. These include political science, public law and economics. This year, for the first time, French-speaking students are able to study public administration in their own language at the University of Ottawa at a course administered by the Faculty of Social Sciences.

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## UNESCO DELEGATION

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, announced recently that Canada would be represented at the special inter-governmental conference being convened by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris from September 21 to October 5.

Leading the Canadian delegation will be Mr. Graham McInnes, Canada's Permanent Delegate