

FEDERAL AID TO CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

It comes as somewhat of a shock to learn that Russia sends an average of 19.6 students per thousand population to university, as compared with Canada's average of 4.7. Perhaps this fact should not be so surprising to us. Education has always appeared in the role of "poor relative" in our economic set-up. The profits derived from the educational industry are much less obvious than the case of most industries where annual profits of \$50,000. are common. The old idea that "money talks" is true, but unfortunately is not strong enough in this case. It must be noted that recently the exigent demands made upon Canadian universities for more technical students are indicative of the high standard of development in Canadian industry which is carried into a higher standard of living in Canada. Surely Canadian universities should get a reasonable share in this high standard of living to which they have indirectly contributed. For Canadian industrial sources in their search for technical people to bring about more rapid expansion in industry are looking to the universities of Canada to provide skilled scientists as well as engineers. Although such technical personnel are very much at a premium today in the ranks of Canadian skilled labor, nevertheless, the number of these made available by Canadian universities since the last war has increased threefold. Whether we realize it or not the situation regarding Canadian universities has a lot to do with determining the tone of the society within our nation.

In the faculty of Liberal Arts the question is often raised: What is there to show for a year's effort in the field of education? There are many things—things that are difficult to set down on a balance sheet so everyone can assess them. Better training for our citizens of the future makes better citizens. A thinking citizen with a stable character and a sense of values is one who represents a healthy nation and is best conducive to peace. This type of citizen is the product of university training. Even considering the mere fact that the university is turning out specialized citizens, if for no other reason, is sufficient to merit her receiving a subsidy grant to be used in deferring the cost of higher education to Canadian students. This is not to suggest now that we should have a completely socialized system of education rendered by full payment and that higher education to be made easy for everyone to get. On the contrary, this subsidy grant to universities is clearly a move to make education more accessible to those Canadians whose ambition it is to gain one. It is essentially a step towards greater Canadian stability (and a necessary one at that); for it relegates what was formerly a source of aid only to the most competent students (those at the top of the list) to those who desire to pursue an education.

The Council of the National Federation of Canadian University Students, representing university students across Canada, has voted to take immediate and positive action on the conditions of

Canadian university students by soliciting the Federal government's financial aid in the form of subsidy grants for its students. The increased cost that Canadian students face in getting an education has risen considerably and it is only fair to render financial assistance since many Canadian parents, especially farmers, do not have the money at their disposal to provide a higher education for their children. Federal aid in education regarding university students is one of the most pressing needs Canada has today. Such a move would be a final vindication that the benefits of higher education to those capable of it is a cause worthy of being promoted by a democracy. Most people seem to agree that such aid would be a forward step in our educational program, yet the Federal government claims there are "technicalities" in the way of effecting direct aid in this matter. Surely this phase of the problem is not going to stand as a barrier against educational progress.

—EDITORIAL—

MORE D'AMOUR

The love your heart bestows on me
Is there for all the world to see;
For on that cheek, and o'er that brow,
So calm, so sweet, so radiant now,
Lies testimony of the inner wealth,
The virtuous state of your soul's health;
Where no trace of vice or affliction lies,
But only thoughts of truth arise.
Your eyes, the mirrors of your soul,
Shine forth the elequence of the whole;
While the mere humans do exclaim,
"Oh, how nobly she was gifted."
And the spirit echoes in refrain,
"This noble soul is to heaven lifted."

—THE SCARRED BARD—

What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and not be invited to the Co-eds' party?

Confusion says:

"Hold not them in contempt who know less than you, condemn them rather who know as little as you do."