



School-building activity is a major aspect of federal-provincial co-operation to raise the level of technical knowledge and increase the competency of the labour force. By December 1963, three years after the passing of the Technical and Vocational Training Assistance Act, federal approval had been given for the new construction and additions or alterations to 543 technical and vocational high schools, institutes of technology and trade schools across Canada, providing for the accommodation of an additional 145,000 students.



Parkway Vocational School in Toronto, completed in 1963, accommodates 760 students.



Thousands of men and women have found employment during the past two years as a result of the unemployed retraining program operated jointly by the National Employment Service and boards of education; 35 communities offer about 60 different courses, ranging in length from one to ten months.

The first student enrolling at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton; in 1963 the Institute opened to accommodate 2,500 students.

The Eastern Ontario Institute of Technology in Ottawa will be ready for its first complement of 800 students in 1964.

About 14,000 full-time students were enrolled in one- to four-year post-high school technical courses in the autumn of 1963; 35 institutions across the country provided such courses.

The expansion of physical facilities and the growing number of students necessitate an enlarged and highly qualified teaching staff. To assist in its provision, a federal-provincial program is in operation for the training and up-grading of technical and vocational teachers.



Governments and industry co-operate to up-grade the qualifications of the employed worker; employees from several adjacent establishments attend class three hours a day for six months to increase their knowledge of mathematics, science and English.



Typical of new post-secondary facilities are those of the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology in Halifax, which opened in 1963 with a registration of 900 students.



The federal and provincial governments assist financially in the training of apprentices in skilled trades.