

Section 3.—The Canada Council

The Canada Council was created in 1957 by the Government of Canada, to "foster and promote the study and enjoyment of, and the production of works in, the arts, humanities and social sciences". It carries out its task mainly through a broad program of fellowships and grants of various types. It also shares the responsibility for Canada's cultural relations with other countries, and administers, as a separate agency, the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO.

The Council itself is an independent agency which reports annually to Parliament, through a member of the Cabinet, but sets its own policies and makes its own decisions within the terms of the Canada Council Act. It is made up of 21 members appointed by the Governor in Council. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman serve for terms not exceeding five years, and other members for terms of three years. The Council usually meets at least five times a year. The day-to-day administrative work is carried out by a permanent staff in Ottawa, headed by a director and an associate director who are appointed by the Governor in Council.

Income.—The Council's income is derived from three sources—an annual grant of the Canadian Government, interest from its Endowment Fund, and private donations. The largest source of income is the annual federal grant which amounted to \$17,000,000 for the year ended Mar. 31, 1968. This was the first annual grant made, but the policy was foreshadowed by an unconditional federal grant of \$10,000,000 made in April 1965. The federal action was accompanied by an announcement of generally increased aid to research, in recognition of the Council's program of aid to the humanities and social sciences; it will also make possible a needed expansion of the Council's aid to the arts. The second source of operating income is the Endowment Fund, of which only the interest may be used and which is expected to yield about \$3,400,000 in 1967-68. The original value of the Endowment Fund, established by Parliament when it created the Canada Council, was \$50,000,000. The most noteworthy, to date, of the special funds received from private donors is that from the estate of the late Dorothy J. Killam, which is expected to amount to \$16,000,000. Funds from private donations are used in accordance with the wishes of the donors.

Assistance to the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.—The Council's assistance is directed to both individuals and organizations. Assistance to individuals is mainly in the form of fellowships, scholarships and research grants. In its first ten years, the Council awarded scholarships and fellowships at the master, doctoral and post-doctoral levels to over 5,000 scholars in the humanities and social sciences, and to almost 1,400 performing and creative artists. Assistance to organizations, mostly in the arts, takes a large portion of the Council's revenues.

In 1966-67, the Council devoted approximately \$5,581,000 to the humanities and social sciences, of which \$3,565,000 financed 1,053 fellowships at the pre-doctoral and post-doctoral levels, and \$2,016,000 was applied to grants in aid of research, university libraries, meetings of scholars and artists, visiting lecturers, publication of scholarly works and other forms of assistance. In the arts, the Council spent \$4,352,000, of which \$594,000 was used to finance 186 scholarships and fellowships and \$3,758,000 was applied to grants, including about \$884,000 for music, \$415,000 for festivals, \$1,000,000 for the theatre, \$749,000 for dance and opera, \$469,000 for the visual arts and \$155,000 for publications. In accordance with growing need in these fields, and with the Canada Council's enlarged resources, aid has been increased considerably in the year 1967-68.

Special Programs.—Apart from its own programs, the Council administers on behalf of the Canadian Government a program of scholarships for students, scholars and artists from French-speaking countries (at present France, Belgium and Switzerland) wishing to come to Canada. In 1966-67, awards made by the Council under this program totalled \$630,000.