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MATRICULATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Most high school teachers, sooner or later, have a brilliant student in their class whom they would like to see go on to university, but who is unable to do so for financial reasons. The following summary, compiled from the calendars of the English-language universities and colleges in Canada, shows that the possibility of the student winning assistance through a matriculation scholarship, though not entirely lacking, is small.

English-Language Universities and Colleges in -	Number of matriculation scholarships annually available	Aggregate annual value of matriculation scholarships	Approximate number in annual attendance who hold or have held a matriculation scholarship	Full-time annual enrolment of university grade
		\$		
Maritime Provinces	73	10,140	276	3,182
Quebec	61	11,000	244	3,155
Ontario	288	76,000	1,152	11,824
Western Provinces	102	10,650	408	8,354
Canada	524	107,790	2,080	26,515

The table indicates that about one university student in twelve or thirteen benefits from matriculation scholarships and that the average value of an award is about \$200, or less than the equivalent of two years' tuition fees.

Considered from the side of the schools, the scholarships seem still more scarce. Since nearly 50,000 students matriculate annually, and there are only about 500 awards, only about one in a hundred can hope to win assistance. Moreover, more than half of the scholarships and nearly three-fourths of their value are in one province, Ontario.

The practice in Canada in this regard is quite different to that in other Empire countries. In the relatively small Dominion of New Zealand there is as much money devoted to matriculation scholarships and bursaries as in Canada, and in the Union of South Africa there is substantially more. Similarly with Australia, Scotland, England and Wales.

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