

IF—THEN

IF——we recognize the fact that the high cost and long duration of medical education today, does create a tremendous need for financial assistance to medical students,

THEN——it is in our interest to approve the recommendation on "Financial Assistance To Medical Undergraduates" as proposed by the C.A.M.S.I. brief to the Royal Commission on Health Services.

IF——as this plan outlines, a central fund is established and distributed as an interest free loan up to a total of \$1,600.00 per student per annum for four years,

THEN——with the majority of the financial burden accounted for, the student will be able to devote more time to his studies and the three months summer vacation will no longer be a necessary interim.

IF——administrative problems can be overcome and money is available,

THEN——it will not be necessary to limit the school year to thirty-eight weeks, but classes can be held for forty-eight weeks, allowing two weeks for Christmas and two weeks for a summer vacation.

IF——classes are in session all year,

THEN——the student can complete the 150 weeks of formal training, that is required in order to obtain an internship, in three years instead of four.

IF——the student begins his internship three years after he enters medical school,

THEN——the amount of money necessary to support his medical education would be reduced by 25 per cent and with this saving the central fund could increase loans to \$1,800.00 or \$1,900.00 per annum and there would still be a substantial reduction in the total amount of money that this fund must supply.

IF——this is not preposterous,

THEN——the financial burden of the medical student would be reduced and this may become an added stimulus for those students contemplating entering the profession. P.D.M.

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We are honored to have the National Executive of C.A.M.S.I. located at Dalhousie this year. The Executive, headed by William Kingston '63, has undertaken a difficult, time-consuming job to ensure that the views of medical students and internes across Canada are presented to the Royal Commission on Health Services and that the various benefits and summer programs provided by C.A.M.S.I. are further improved.

In October of 1962 the National Meeting of C.A.M.S.I. will be held in Halifax and we urge you all to give the executive your support in the planning and execution of this affair. All the medical schools in Canada will be represented and as hosts, the National Executive will need everyone's support.—P.D.M.

In The Future

The Journal has made arrangements with the Canadian Medical Protective Association to publish two articles on Medical Jurisprudence. These articles will be directed at the student and will deal with the basic duties, responsibilities, and privileges of doctors. The first article will discuss the way in which licencing ensures the suitability of the individual and what the doctor owes his patient from a legal point of view. This material will be followed, in the next issue, by a discussion of patient complaints against the doctors and how the physician can defend himself against these.

If the reader response is favorable, the Journal will acquire similar material concerning the problems of malpractice and negligence.—P.D.M.

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