

## Questions

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Norman McL. Rogers,  
Minister of Labour.

Ottawa, April 1, 1936.

Hon. A. A. Dysart,  
Premier of New Brunswick,  
Fredericton, N.B.

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Minister of Labour.

Ottawa, April 1, 1936.

Hon. Angus L. Macdonald,  
Premier of Nova Scotia,  
Halifax, N.S.

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Norman McL. Rogers,  
Minister of Labour.

Ottawa, April 1, 1936.

Honourable Thane A. Campbell,  
Premier of Prince Edward Island,  
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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Norman McL. Rogers,  
Minister of Labour.

Toronto Ontario,  
April, 2, 1936.

Hon. Norman McL. Rogers,  
Minister of Labour,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re your wire. We must protest emphatically against reduction in relief grants to province of Ontario since unbearable burden must be passed on to municipalities and thence to defenseless unemployed. Provincial government took up slack in 1934 when dominion grants cut assuming contribution treble that of dominion and municipalities and amounting to nearly 21 million out of total 28 in 1935. We accepted principle humanity outweighs financial expediency in such a national emergency. Most earnestly beg you on behalf of distressed municipalities and of unemployed themselves to withhold action until new unemployment commission establishes actual needs of Ontario's people. When increased dominion grant effective we notified all municipalities governmental assistance increased from two thirds to three fourths basis contingent on maintenance of federal rate and they budgetted on that understanding. Now must inform them that unless we hear to contrary we must pass on cut to them and their people and that they should exert all possible influence to have not overgenerous annual contribution of thirteen million restored so that further hardship avoided in meeting national problem.

M. F. Hepburn.

Winnipeg, Manitoba,  
April 2, 1936.

Hon. Norman McL. Rogers,  
Minister of Labour,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Telegram first instant re decrease in grant received and before I announce to municipalities that it will be necessary to make a reduction in percentage paid on behalf of dominion government I respectfully ask that decision be reconsidered and reduction deferred until relief load shows some indication of decreasing. Please consider first there has occurred no decrease in either numbers on relief nor in costs. Second, Manitoba has had a very severe winter and in fact cold weather still prevails and fuel and clothing costs are very high. Temperature fifteen below Wednesday morning. Third, February costs exceeded January this year by seventeen thousand dollars and exceeded February last year by eighty three thousand. March figures not available but will be higher still. Fourth, the numbers at commencement of April month are increasing rather than decreasing. Unless you can see your way to reconsider the reduction we will be compelled to require municipalities