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be shared by the provinces surely the province of Quebec should be entitled to at least a part of the \$8 million being spent by the taxpayers of all Canada.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): All the provinces share in this appropriation in accordance with the use they make of it. If the hon. member wishes to know what amount has been actually spent and what the actual distribution is up to the last date of payment I shall be glad to secure that information and send it to him.

Mr. Chevrier: Mr. Chairman, may I ask this question of the minister, which perhaps follows upon what the hon. member for St. Denis has been saying. Following the answer that has been given, does this mean that Quebec is accepting aid for education?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): This vocational training plan has been in effect, for some years, as my hon. friend is aware, and Quebec has always participated actively in the vocational training program.

Mr. Chevrier: The youth aspect of this item includes scholarships does it not?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Chairman, it is vocational training.

Mr. Chevrier: But the item refers to training under youth training projects and to providing for expenditures thereunder. Does that not include scholarships?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): No, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Denis: Mr. Chairman, as we cannot obtain the right figures perhaps it would be a good thing to let this vote stand until a later date in order to obtain details about it. If I am correct in my recollection I believe the province of Quebec has accepted part of this vote in some years and in some other years it has refused it, or has forgotten to renew agreements in some fiscal years.

As far as the fiscal year 1958-59 is concerned, I have a special reason for asking that this vote should stand until we get a precise answer to this question. I must assure the minister I am not against the vote. On the contrary I am in favour of this vote, so much in favour of it that I would like to see the province of Quebec share in this large amount.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Chairman, the province of Quebec, as the hon. member knows, receives its full share according to the plan.

Mr. Denis: It receives its full share under the agreements it makes, but when there is no agreement it gets nothing at all. Is that what I heard from the Minister of Finance?

[Mr. Denis.]

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): No, that is not what you heard from the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Denis: What did the minister say? Suppose Quebec does not sign an agreement as far as this vote is concerned. Does that mean the province receives its share just the same?

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Denis: I am waiting for the answer of the minister. I do not have the books with me.

Mr. Stinson: Get them, then.

Mr. Denis: I am sure the minister could easily obtain this information. It would only require a moment tomorrow for him to tell the committee what is the situation, if this vote were to stand until tomorrow or until the next sitting of the committee. I want the province of Quebec to get its share of a good vote such as this.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Chairman, the hon. member keeps reiterating that he wants Quebec to have its full share. The fact is that Quebec does receive its full share. All the provinces share in this vocational training plan. This is not a new thing. This plan has been in operation for many years. As a matter of fact I think the plan has been in operation during nearly all the time the hon. member has been in this house, because this plan goes away back before the war.

Mr. Pickersgill: It was started by Norman Rogers.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Yes, it goes back to the middle thirties, as I recall it. There is nothing new here, and Quebec has always participated in it.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): The hon. member wants to know the amount.

Mr. Denis: That is all I ask. To what extent does Quebec benefit during this fiscal year?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Quebec has benefited to the same extent as every other province, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Denis: That is not an answer.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Chairman, did I understand the minister to say in reply to the question of the hon. member for Laurier that there were no scholarships under this scheme? Speaking from recollection my understanding is that a part of this scheme, related to scholarships, particularly in the youth training field.

It may be that they have been dropped in recent years, but I wish the minister would clear up that point.