

Supply—Citizenship and Immigration

Mr. Harris: The table is as follows:

INDIAN CHILDREN ATTENDING

GRADES

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI
Prince Edward Island.....									2	2	
Nova Scotia.....	13	10	4	2	5	5	7	5	7	8	9
New Brunswick.....	12	2	3	4	1	4	2	9	23	10	9
Quebec.....	33	31	17	17	21	16	18	21	30	9	12
Ontario.....	63	38	33	40	39	34	31	27	146	72	49
Manitoba.....	69	36	42	26	11	10	5		1	1	3
Saskatchewan.....	59	23	29	20	16	6	4	3	13	9	7
Alberta.....	26	14	19	24	14	14	14	13	22	23	10
British Columbia.....	208	167	179	177	136	132	135	96	141	61	39
Northwest Territories.....	13	1	6	3		1					
Yukon.....	8	7	9	3	5	5	1		1	3	
Outside Canada.....	2	3	3	4	3	2	4	4	3	3	
TOTALS.....	506	332	344	320	251	229	221	178	389	201	138
Indian Schools.....	8,443	4,542	4,021	3,336	2,711	2,122	1,447	908	371	151	82
GRAND TOTALS.....	8,949	4,874	4,365	3,656	2,962	2,351	1,668	1,086	760	352	220

Item agreed to.

The Chairman: I understand that items 56 and 57 are carried but that the hon. member for Kamloops wanted to ask a question on item 57.

Mr. Fulton: No, item 58.

58. Citizenship branch, \$697,031.

Mr. Fulton: There is one thing here which disturbs me a little. It has to do with the total amount asked for. If the minister will look at the details on page 130 he will understand the nature of my question. The details show that in the last fiscal year there was asked for in the estimates an amount of \$615,464. A little further down the details show that the total actually spent in that fiscal year was \$505,464, or exactly \$110,000 less than was estimated. Yet this year the department is asking for \$697,031, or \$82,000 more than was estimated last year and \$192,000 more than was spent last year. I am puzzled and concerned to know the reason why, although they spent last year less than they asked for, they are asking this year for more than they asked for last year, and \$192,000 more than they actually spent.

Mr. Harris: The figure my hon. friend uses is an estimated figure which is made up in November before these estimates are submitted to treasury board, and that is why we feel that a certain margin is required here. It is one of those estimates that does vary a bit and I think he will find, if I may say so, that the Department of Citizenship

[The Chairman.]

and Immigration keeps its estimates down pretty close and has the reputation of being one of the three or four departments that have reduced their estimates on occasions.

Mr. Fulton: I think I must give the minister credit for that. I believe there are two or three items here where less is being asked for than was sought last year, but this seems to me to be a particularly outstanding case where your estimate was \$110,000 more than you spent last year and yet you are asking for \$82,000 more than you estimated last year. If the minister could tell us what was actually spent last year and that the estimate of expenditures given in the details was considerably less than was actually spent then I could understand that the estimate might be larger this year. But I emphasize again that on the basis of what was actually spent up to December 31, plus what you estimated you would spend for the balance of the fiscal year, it is indicated that you would spend \$505,000 during the year which is \$110,000 less than you originally submitted in your estimates. Yet you are asking for \$190,000 more than that.

Mr. Harris: My hon. friend must remember that in the estimates for this fiscal year we are obliged to raise the pay of every one represented in the details because of the general increase last fall. In addition we have the normal increases in salaries because of the seniority attained.