

## Supply—Labour

available to him if he would meet the demands of the opposition and have the responsible ministers in their places replying to questions instead of the Minister of Finance undertaking to reply on behalf of every department of the government of our country.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Chairman, the hon. member for Trinity asked a few moments ago about the placing of newspaper advertisements in newspapers published in languages other than English and French. I am informed that the advertising has been published in English and French newspapers and magazines.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Chairman, I am sure the minister will recall that some time ago, over the objections of this side of the chamber, a starred question was made an order for return. That starred question asked among other things what was the total number of contracts given to the McKim advertising agency. I wonder if in view of the very large amount of business given it by this department the minister could tell us how much this company is receiving from other departments?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Chairman, I have not that information. If it is a starred question I presume it will be asked in due course.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** It has been asked and made an order for return.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Then it will be brought down in due course in accordance with the order of the house. I do not have that information here.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Does the minister not think this is precisely the kind of information which surely should not have taken more than an hour of the time of his staff to assemble, and that should have been given to the committee before we were asked to vote this large sum of money to be spent by the McKim advertising agency?

Item agreed to.

## Vocational training co-ordination—

751. To provide for carrying out the purposes of the Vocational Training Co-ordination Act and agreements made thereunder; to authorize the Minister of Labour to enter into agreements with any province on terms approved by the governor in council to provide financial assistance to vocational schools, and training under youth training projects and to provide for the expenditures thereunder and under vocational training agreements entered into in previous years—payments to the provinces—further amount required, \$854,856.

**Mr. Denis:** Mr. Chairman, last evening in reply to a question I asked the Minister of

Finance, as reported at page 2064 of *Hansard* the hon. gentleman stated:

The fact is that Quebec does receive its full share.

I raised this question when we were discussing item No. 751. I would like to know if the minister is now in a position to tell us the exact amount received by the province of Quebec with respect to this item?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Chairman, I have further information to give my hon. friend and the committee on this subject. As the statement on page 2064 of *Hansard* indicates, Quebec does receive its full share. These agreements under the Vocational Training Co-Ordination Act are of course available to all provinces.

Following last night's discussion I checked up particularly in regard to Quebec's participation in the plan. I find that Quebec entered into a ten-year agreement originally in 1945 which provided for both capital and operational expenditures. Quebec participated fully in that agreement and in the two-year extension in 1955-56 and 1956-57 which followed. A new five-year agreement called the vocational and technical training agreement No. 2 was entered into, in the fiscal year 1957-58, with all the other provinces, but I am told that Quebec did not sign this agreement. Therefore there are no expenditures for Quebec contemplated under the item unless the Quebec government should decide to come in now and sign the agreement. Quebec did have a small expenditure in the fiscal year 1957-58 under the training of persons to fit them for the armed forces, but there will be no expenditure in 1958-59 for Quebec as far as can presently be determined.

**Mr. Denis:** What is the actual amount that was received by Quebec in 1957-58?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** In the fiscal year 1957-58 it was \$2,849, Mr. Chairman, for the training of persons to fit them for the armed forces.

**Mr. Denis:** It was not youth training.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** No, the training of persons to fit them for the armed forces.

**Mr. Deschatelets:** Mr. Chairman, can the minister tell us how he reconciles the statement he made yesterday to the effect that Quebec does receive its full share? Are we to conclude from this that last evening the minister was speaking through his hat?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** No, Mr. Chairman, I was not wearing any hat last night. When I spoke last evening I was not aware of the fact that Quebec had not extended the agreement within the past year. As I have indicated, the payments to Quebec ran up to