

Millions of dollars have been spent in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia to teach boys and girls French, but how much French do they know? How much do I know? It is an interesting problem. I suggest that if the federal Government felt impelled by the nature of things to do something about physical fitness and amateur sports in this country, then I ask the federal Government: what about the problem of educational research? Who is doing it? I know that quite a lot is being done, for example, in the province of Ontario. But this is a big province and much of the research is being farmed out to the College of Education. Generally, it is not being done extensively by the provincial departments of education, which are the sovereign ruling bodies in education in this country. We have the Canadian Council for Research in Education, but this body is still waiting for somebody to give it a financial shot in the arm.

I respectfully submit that in a world that is becoming increasingly complex, interdependent and competitive, our coming generations of boys and girls deserve the best in physical fitness and in education in the broad sense. In order that we may give them that in the most effective way, the federal Government will have to shake off the lethargy that sometimes bedevils all of us and ask, "Is this really something that needs looking at and, if it is, let us do it." I feel that the time is ripe for a real shot in the arm for educational research so that we can have a co-ordinated and well-organized approach to a field where we are going to be spending close to \$1½ billion per year. The amount that we spend to find out how best to co-ordinate our curricula is so pathetically and pitifully small that it is tragic to contemplate.

Hon. Calvert C. Pratt: Honourable senators, in rising to speak for a moment in this debate I do so as one who has had experience for many years in the administration of schools in Newfoundland, as chairman of a school board with enrolments of several thousand children. I hope that if this measure is passed and the grant becomes available, close consideration will be given to the encouragement of sports and athletics through our existing schools. Co-ordination of this work in our existing schools will mean so much to the pupils, and will develop their loyalty to the particular school they attend. Such loyalty provides a most valuable background for useful living.

I think this measure reaches right down to the essentials of a well-balanced education. In my own experience, time and time again I have sat on our school board meetings, when the question of allocating money for sporting

and recreational facilities was under consideration, and it had to be deferred because we simply could not afford it, and that item was kept at the foot of the list because the financial needs were so great in the academic field.

We have on many occasions received fine response from public appeals. In fact, I have seen essential projects, such as rinks, playing fields, and so on, running into large sums of money, financed by public subscription, but there never was enough to take care of a properly balanced program.

Honourable senators, I am very pleased to see this bill before us. I hope that in its administration the leading feature of it will be the allocation of money through the organizations which already exist in the schools. I think that is the very foundation of the useful application of this measure.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Sullivan, bill referred to the Standing Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT

FINAL REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Senate resumed from Wednesday, July 5, the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Méthot for the adoption of the fifth and final report of the Special Committee of the Senate on Manpower and Employment.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, the honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina (Hon. Mr. Croll) who adjourned the debate on this motion is not in the house at the moment. He informed me that if any other senators wished to speak on it they should do so, and that if no one wished to speak he suggested that the motion should be put.

The Hon. the Speaker: Does any other honourable senator wish to speak on the motion?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: If no one wishes to speak, the motion for adoption should be put.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, the question is on the motion of the Honourable Senator Méthot, seconded by the Honourable Senator Smith (Queens-Shelburne) for the adoption of the fifth and final report of the Special Committee of the Senate appointed to study and report upon the trends in manpower requirements and utilization in Canada. Is it your pleasure to adopt the motion?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Carried.