

Mr. WALKER: You say you are going by the act. When was the act passed?

Mr. SELLAR: In 1951.

The CHAIRMAN: What is the increased number of persons getting pensions?

Mr. SELLAR: In 1958 there were 827,560; in the year before there were 797,486. That is roughly 30,000 people.

Hon. Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): You might explain to Mr. Walker, Mr. Chairman—with, I am sure, the restraint that you always have—the difference between an act passed by parliament and the recommendation of a committee with regard to proposed legislation.

Mr. WALKER: That is self-evident. I was wondering whether my friend understood it.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): Apparently, in drafting the act you did not follow the recommendation of the parliamentary committee.

Hon. Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): You are quite right.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): With the same respect for parliament you have always shown!

The CHAIRMAN: Is there anything more on old age security fund deficit, paragraph 18? Is there anything you care to ask about paragraph 26? I think we have covered most of it.

The second part of paragraph 18 deals with family allowances in 1957-58. Can you give us the breakdown of the payments to the provinces, Mr. Sellar?

Mr. SELLAR: Overall there were approximately—if I may use round figures—5,800,000 children in receipt of allowances in 1958 (I am talking about the fiscal year), as compared with 5,570,000 the previous year, which is an increase of about 225,000 children.

Three years ago Quebec had the largest number of children. In the last two years Ontario has passed ahead. In the last year there were 1,825,000 children in Ontario; 1,787,000 in Quebec. This increase is general all over the country; every province has shown some increase. In the year 1958, 44,000 children of immigrants qualified for the allowance for the first time.

The CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, Mr. Sellar, I did not hear the last part of your answer.

Mr. SELLAR: I said 44,000 foreign-born children qualified for the allowance in 1958.

Mr. DRYSDALE: What is the qualification, Mr. Sellar?

Mr. SELLAR: They have to be resident in Canada a certain period of time.

Mr. PICKERSGILL: It is one year, is it not?

Mr. DRYSDALE: Just one year residence for the child?

The CHAIRMAN: There was an increase of 44,000 foreign-born children of newly-arrived immigrants who have been here one year; is that it?

Mr. PICKERSGILL: I wonder if Mr. Sellar could give an estimate of the amount of the increase that was due to the increased rates established in Mr. Harris' last budget for family allowances?

The CHAIRMAN: That was an increase of \$1 a child per head, was it not?

Mr. SELLAR: Mr. Harris estimated that that would represent \$24½ million. In that regard you have to bear in mind that you have 225,000 more children, and you have also to bear in mind that Mr. Harris' recommendation took effect during the year, not as of the first of the year, and therefore did not cover the whole year.