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college of the city of Quebec is included in that list.

I remember quite well that the St. Jean Eudes college and the Quebec seminary belonged to the classical colleges foundation of the province, which would be part of the association of universities and colleges of Canada.

At any rate, we cannot object to this bill, because colleges and universities have contributed a great deal to the development of our people. Grouped together, those institutions will then be in a better position to set forth their demands. They will have a stronger voice.

It is shameful to find that this year 700 young people were turned away from Laval and Montreal universities for lack of space in the medical school. I would like to conduct a survey among the fathers of those young people; these parents have perhaps denied themselves in order to send their children to public school for seven years and to secondary school for eight more years. The fathers of many of those young people probably were unemployed masons, plumbers, bricklayers, carpenters or electricians who could have constructed buildings for medical faculties. But none the less, those youngsters are refused admittance to those universities after they have completed seven years of primary course and eight years of classical studies. This is a shame in a country like Canada.

This is a scandalous state of affairs when we take into consideration our responsibilities in this regard. The provincial government may say its *mea culpa* when it accepts such a situation in the province of Quebec and in Canada in this 20th century.

Grouped together, the colleges and universities will be stronger and more vigorous in denouncing these scandals which occur in Canada; I am happy to have the opportunity to mention it.

Universities will then be able to point out to the federal government that it is grabbing all taxes although the provincial government has priority needs, including education.

Unfortunately, the provinces cannot meet all the needs in matters of education because they lack sufficient funds, since the government in Ottawa occupies most fiscal fields.

Mr. Pepin: Yes, that is true.

Mr. Grégoire: That is right, it is quite true; it is a fact. The hon. member for Drummond-Arthabaska (Mr. Pepin) has just put it in [Mr. Grégoire.]

Hansard. He said: Yes. Is not education a primary need in Canada?

Mr. Pepin: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Grégoire: Is it true, or not, that the provinces need more revenue to satisfy their educational needs?

Mr. Pepin: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Grégoire: Is it not true that the federal government is collecting the greater part of taxes in Canada?

Mr. Pepin: That is quite possible, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, the statistics are there to prove it: 60 per cent are collected by the federal government, 20 per cent by the provinces, and 15 per cent by the municipalities and school boards. The federal government he denies everything he said while he crumbs to the provinces.

An hon. Member: That is right.

Mr. Grégoire: It is a fact which the hon. member for Drummond-Arthabaska cannot deny. Since he became a member of parliament, he denies everything he said while he was a university professor—

Mr. Pepin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Everything the hon. member for Lapointe said about me regarding the past is a lie.

Mr. Grégoire: It is not I who says so. Everywhere in the province of Quebec the students are saying: we used to trust Mr. Pepin but since he became a Liberal member in the federal parliament, he is just like the rest of them.

Mr. Pepin: On a point of order Mr. Speaker. I do not agree that the hon. member for Lapointe speaks on behalf of all the young people of French Canada.

[Text]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Batten): Order; I should like to ask the hon. member for Drummond-Arthabaska (Mr. Pepin) if the word he used a moment ago is not a most unparliamentary one?

[Translation]

Mr. Pepin: On the contrary, Mr. Speaker. I have been most considerate and gentle in my remarks. I simply denied the hon. member for Lapointe the right to speak on behalf of French Canadian youth. He said that all our French Canadian young people were disappointed with the ideas I was defending now. I cannot see how the hon. member for La-