

Senator STAMBAUGH: I wonder whether that was right across Ontario.

The CHAIRMAN: Apparently not. Apparently it is being utilized to the full. There were some figures, and I am quoting them now from memory, that the amount allocated in Ontario was something over \$12 million.

Senator STAMBAUGH: Another reason I ask it is this. I was talking to the President of the University of Alberta and he was very much in favour of this. According to him, it was being taken up by a great many students. I wondered whether we were doing something special out there. I suppose that in Ontario they do not need the money.

The CHAIRMAN: Apparently in Ontario they are using it.

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): I would like to point out to my colleague Senator Stambaugh that in the little Province of Nova Scotia something like 2,000 students have taken advantage of the amount. I do not recollect what the total was. On the basis of the total student population, I heard them say it was a great success.

The CHAIRMAN: While the \$8 million is not just for these two provinces, it will be available to any other province that goes beyond its first allotment, nevertheless, having in mind that Prince Edward Island would probably not require a large proportion of the \$8 million it does suggest that Ontario will be taking a fair amount of the additional \$8 million, so that one would assume that the plan is being used in Ontario.

Senator BAIRD: In other words I presume that the \$30 million has already been taken up?

The CHAIRMAN: No, it has not, because it was allocated by provinces; and the two provinces have run almost on top and the others are much lower down, so that in aggregate it has not been taken up as yet. After all, it has been in effect only for several months. There will be another year coming along, or even summer courses in the course of the next year.

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): Or even some student becoming unable to pay, in the middle of the term, and being forced to have recourse to this.

The CHAIRMAN: And there may be applications being processed which have not gone through yet.

Senator MOLSON: And it does not include Quebec.

The CHAIRMAN: Quebec is dealt with in a different way, by reimbursement.

Senator MOLSON: But the sum of money here does not include any loans to Quebec.

The CHAIRMAN: I am not sure.

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): We are not guaranteeing the loans, but we are paying the interest on them.

The CHAIRMAN: That is so.

Senator CRERAR: I definitely object to the principle underlying this, and I have done it before. I may say that 50 years ago this method of voting money would not have had a hearing for a second. What we are doing here is by a vote of \$1 we are authorizing the Finance Minister to increase the obligations of the Treasury up to the extent of \$8 million. I do not see why in the world they could not have put that right in the vote. This is a device to keep the total of the estimates down. We do not know how much of the \$8 million will be used. Surely it will be possible to make some estimate and put that estimate in the vote so that we could know what it was. This principle is a thoroughly unsound principle. I have objected to it before when it was done by the last administration, and I object to it now.