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eight and already in grade nine, there is a system of options enabling him to choose science or commerce or classics but should he stop somewhere along the line, should he be unable to complete whatever course he has undertaken he may switch to another course and that has been a very great reform. However, we have created the CEGEP system in Quebec; it was expected to be a very substantial reform but I am wondering whether it gave the results that were expected. Today, after grade twelve, students may go to a CEGEP where they still have the privilege of an option system: science or classics. At the end of this CEGEP course, the student gets a diploma but there is something lacking here: that diploma, unlike the former B.A., does not seem to be recognized to the same extent in other provinces. Therefore, there should be an agreement—I am not against the Conference on Education—as to the degree granted to college graduates or as to the prerequisites on the part of universities. I think there is something lacking there.

Moreover, some Canadian universities have a credit system while in others, the student must still complete an

academic year. So there is another weakness: should the student fail at the end of his academic year, he must repeat while under the credit system, if he does not get two credits, he can be promoted to the second or third year, provided he registers again in the course, where he failed.

Some Canadian universities have not yet set up such a credit system and, in my opinion, such a reform is called for. Could it not be done at the Conference on Education? I would have no objection, but because of shared powers the provinces have jurisdiction in the field of education, and I wonder if Quebec would agree to such decisions being made along with other government agencies?

Mr. Speaker, it is five o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: The hour appointed for consideration of private members' business has not expired. It being five o'clock, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday.

At 5 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
